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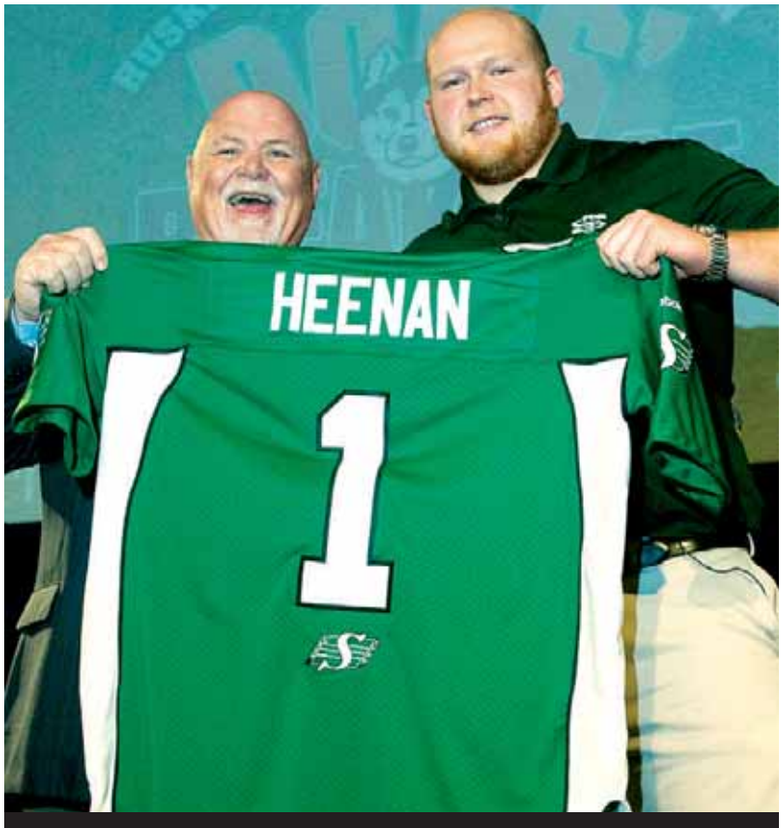

NUMBER 1 PICK

The Saskatchewan Roughriders announced University of Saskatchewan Huskies offensive lineman Ben Heenan, right, as the first overall selection in the 2012 CFL draft Thursday. The Calgary Stampeders picked Wofford defensive lineman Ameet Pall with their first pick. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Major stands by MLA-pay plan

Salary report. Opposition MLAs denounce tax-free perks; meanwhile, recommendations now go before premier's cabinet

The man who proposed that Premier Alison Redford should receive a nearly 60 per cent pay raise over three years stood by his recommendation on Thursday even after Redford said she wouldn't accept it.

"I was not asked to write a report that I thought the premier would accept," retired Supreme Court justice John Major said.

"I wrote a report on what I thought the premier's job was worth. If the premier doesn't see her job as being worth what I recommended, she's perfectly free to not accept it.

"I didn't write this report with any eye on what the politicians thought of it."

Few seemed to think much of what Major wrote.

Liberal Leader Raj Sherman and Wildrose justice critic Shane Saskiw denounced his suggestion of a defined-benefit pension as well as the continuation of a tax-free allowance for members of the legislative assembly. Sherman went further and insisted Redford should roll back her salary to what it was before politicians voted themselves a 30 per cent raise in 2008.

Both also criticized keeping a portion of MLA pay tax-free, a provision in the federal tax code that saves Albertans about $2 million a year in federal taxes.

"We believe everyone should pay taxes," Sherman said. "It's a matter of principle."

Major's report also recommended significant changes to how Alberta politicians are paid.

In all, Major said, regular MLAs should get a base wage of $134,000 a year, about the same as the average pay and benefits in the other provinces and territories.

Adding pension payments and other benefits would bring Alberta's total pay packet to just under $160,000. That figure is about $17,000 less than the current amount.

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Police test driving new cruisers

First new black and white prototype vehicles unveiled as cops rebrand the cruiser PAGE 6

Reporter spied on me, claims Toronto mayor

In latest spat with media, Rob Ford demands Toronto Star journalist be removed from city-hall beat PAGE 12

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Edvard Munch's celebrated painting sells for a record $119.9 million at auction in New York PAGE 25

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Murder

Two Alberta women found dead in Ontario

Two Cold Lake, Alta., women were found dead in a Barrie, Ont., hotel room Wednesday.

Barrie police said a 22-year-old man faces two counts of first-degree murder.

According to reports, the victims have been identified as Helen Dorrington, 52, and Mary Hepburn, 32, who had recently moved to Barrie from Cold Lake.

Autopsies were scheduled for Thursday in Toronto.

Police said sections of the hotel and parking lot will remain closed for several days.

They identified the suspect as Mark Dobson, 22, of Barrie. Dobson was remanded into custody with a court date set for May 9. METRO

Fraud

Woman facing charges in alleged rental scam

Alleged fraudulent rental dealings have led police to lay charges against a Calgary woman.

Sarah Colleen Adams, 31, is alleged to have posed as Jenna Jerome and met with several people on April 17 and 18 to show them a rental opportunity on Fonda Drive in the southeast, police said.

Adams was a former tenant of the residence and not authorized to act on behalf of the landlord, according to police. They said victims provided her with deposits and half of a month's rent.

Police believe there may be multiple victims. Anyone with information is asked to contact the CPS. METRO

Robin Rohl and her son Nathan, 12, wear two of the "Save Our Band" T-shirts parents have made to spread the word about the Terry Fox Junior High band program. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Families fight to save band program

Campaigning. Mother says band parents are trying to spread the word about the program's loss

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The loss of a middle-school band program has at least one family considering making the switch to another school.

Due to budget constraints, the band program at Terry Fox Junior High is on the chopping block for the upcoming school year, but parents and students are fighting to save the course.

Robin Rohl said she and other parents have started a Facebook page and made T-shirts with the phrase "Save Our Band," which they handed out to students.

"For a lot of parents, that's the only way their kids get to play an instrument because private lessons are so expensive," she said.

Her Grade 7 son Nathan, 12, said rather than give up the trumpet, he would switch schools.

"It was kind of upsetting that they would take away something that a whole bunch of kids like," he said. "It really means a lot."

Cathy Faber, superintendent of learning innovation with the Calgary Board of Education, said tough decisions to cut programs have to be made every year by principals.

"We have to look at the available funding, but also balance that against student interest," she said, explaining enrolment in the program has been low for a number of years.

"Every effort's been made to do what was possible to extend this program if it was viable, but it isn't viable in its current context."

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Band blues

- Rohl said band parents were informed last Tuesday about the program cut but Faber said consultation with parents has been ongoing.
- Faber said the program may be revisited in the future if student interest increases at Terry Fox.
- Faber said the band program at Dr. Gladys McKelvie Egbert School, also a junior high, is under scrutiny.

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On the web

Stick figures no longer en Vogue

Vogue magazine, perhaps the world's top arbiter of style, is making a statement about its own models: Too thin is no longer in. The 19 editors of Vogue magazines around the world made a pact to project the image of healthy models. Find out more at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The kids are all right. A new study suggests 60 per cent of teens use 'the most effective' kinds of contraception, including the pill and patch. Scan the code for the story.

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Convicted murderer Ronald Smith is escorted in for his clemency hearing in Montana. MICHAEL GALLACHER/THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyers perplexed by feds' actions in Alberta man's clemency hearing

U.S. death row. Ronald Smith asking Montana to commute his death sentence to life in prison without parole

Lawyers for convicted double-killer Ronald Smith are accusing the Canadian government of reneging on an offer to speak on his behalf at a hearing in Montana to determine whether he will get the death penalty or clemency.

The Harper government offered only tepid support for Smith's plea for clemency with its initial response and made it clear there would be no one making a presentation at the hearing in Montana on Wednesday.

But Smith's lawyers were excited on Monday when they received news that Marie-Eve Lamy, a consul at the Canadian Consulate General in Denver, was going to read a statement on behalf of the Harper government.

Lamy attended Smith's clemency hearing Wednesday morning and was added as a last-minute witness for Smith's defence team.

But in the afternoon, Lamy was gone, which prompted lawyer Don Vernay to read the copy he had of her statement into the official court record.

"We were really somewhat surprised and she said the Government of Canada wants me to read this," he said, holding a copy of her statement.

"Then this morning she comes up and says, 'I just heard from headquarters that they don't want me to read this.' They want her to read the original one instead. She said to me, 'This is what they want and what do you want?' I said nothing. I said, 'Thank you very much,' and let her go her way."

The original letter, signed by Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird in December 2011, was short and to the point.

"The Government of Canada does not sympathize with violent crime and this letter should not be construed as reflecting a judgment on Mr. Smith's conduct," reads the letter.

"The Government of Canada ... requests that you grant clemency to Mr. Smith on humanitarian grounds."

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Quoted

"It's been treachery. It's almost Shakespearean in nature....They still supported clemency but they withdrew their enthusiastic support."

Greg Jackson, Ronald Smith's lawyer for 25 years.
Jackson didn't mince words about what he called an unexplainable change once again in the Canadian government's position.

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Comic expo. Hundreds of shut-out fans expected to get their money back

Thousands of revelers like Kyle Grossett and Katherine Henry enjoyed the comic expo — others, however, couldn't even get in. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Organizers of the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo are expecting hundreds of disappointed fans will be requesting a refund after last weekend's event.

While it's believed more than 50,000 people walked through the convention doors over the three-day period, some ticket-holders were left outside for a few hours Saturday.

The fire marshal had to assess the building Saturday when organizers say an overwhelming number of people came to the convention.

"Fans from all walks of life, whether it's your casual Star Trek fan or your casual Battlestar Gallactica fan ... wanted to check out that show. And rightfully so, we had a pretty amazing lineup," said expo spokesperson Steven Hodges.

Hodges said people were slowly let in after the building was assessed, but at that point many ticket-holders had already left.

"We are perfectly comfortable issuing refunds," he said. "I would say probably we're getting in to the hundreds (of refunds) so far."

Information on refunds can be found at calgaryexpo.com. KATIE TURNER/METRO

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QUARTER-LIFE CRISIS BIRTHS A LOVE OF CYCLING

IN DEFENCE OF
Mike Morrison

Around this time last year, I'd almost had enough of the cyclists of this city. I'm sure a quick Google search will show you that in a previous Metro column, I had compared them to squirrels — the way they weaved in and out of the city's roadways and trails was annoying, unnecessary and dangerous.

Well, like pretending the Wildrose party had a shot at winning, complaining about biking in this city seems like a fad that's fading quickly.

Next week, I'll be celebrating my 30th birthday. It's a fact that has quickly caused me to fall into the depths of despair otherwise known as a quarter-life crisis. (I'm assuming that advances in science will allow us to shift what age actually qualifies as a quarter.)

Yes, in an effort to fix the wrong that's been caused by all of the city's new restaurants, bars and food trucks, I've decided that I should start being healthier. Not as healthy as those weird people who run on their lunch hours, but hopefully healthy enough so that people stop confusing me for a few different aldermen.

He's a convert

"In the weeks after buying the bike, cycling around the city has quickly become one of my favourite things to do in Calgary, right after dodging bylaw officers as I float down the Elbow River. I can hardly believe it myself."

One of the ways I decided to be healthier was to purchase a commuter bike. Besides the obvious advantages of never getting helmet hair, biking was something that I knew would be easy to pick up, wouldn't involve changing in gym locker rooms and, if we happen to suffer another recession, would train me to be the worst paperboy in the city.

In the weeks after buying the bike, cycling around the city has quickly become one of my favourite things to do in Calgary, right after dodging bylaw officers as I float down the Elbow River.

I can hardly believe it myself.

As soon as I strap on that helmet and take to the pathways, I find myself having fun. I'm exploring new neighbourhoods and, most importantly, I've practically mastered the ability to play the national anthem on my bike's bell.

I've also discovered that the roads of Calgary aren't exactly bike-friendly. While I try to stick to the trails as often possible, biking on the streets is sometimes necessary. I've already learned that car doors, pedestrians and dogs have all seemingly created an alliance that aims to take bikers down a notch, which is completely understandable. It wasn't too long ago that I was frustrated with the two-wheel menaces, but I see now that times have changed. Money is tighter, parking is getting more expensive and quite frankly, biking is really fun.

I already know that I won't ever be like Lance Armstrong, but if I can hold off getting older by just a little bit, it's good to know that Calgary's many pathways might be able to help me out.

Insp. Ken Thrower unveils a black-and-white police cruiser, a Dodge Charger, which will be the first of the Calgary Police Service's prototype cars tested to replace the old Ford Crown Victoria. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Cops rolling out prototype cruisers

New fleet. Program will see a number of new vehicles tested

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What was old is new again, as the Calgary Police Service unveiled its first prototype of the new black-and-white police cars on Thursday.

New cars are being tested out because the Ford Crown Victoria, traditionally used by the CPS, is no longer being produced.

At the same time, the CPS is also piloting a new colour theme.

"It is time to rebrand," said Insp. Ken Thrower.

The black-and-white Dodge Charger is the first of a few vehicles the police service will be testing out to see which one is going to make the cut.

A Ford Explorer was also unveiled Thursday, and a Ford sedan and a GM vehicle will be released soon as well.

The new black-and-white vehicle will hit the streets in September, but it will take up to six to eight years for the whole 300 marked car fleet to make the switch.

The CPS will save more than $1 million per year by making the switch to the black-and-white vehicle, versus the blue-and-white-wrapped cars.

Details

- The black-and-white cruiser is more recognizable as a police vehicle, versus the current version.
- The new vehicles will contain reflective strips.
- Decaling comes in at half the cost and takes half the time.

Transit. New smart card eligible for tax credit

With the launch of a pilot program testing Calgary Transit's CONNECT card, some users are wondering if the new system of payment will be eligible for a tax credit similar to the current monthly passes.

"Customers that register their card have the ability to download or print a statement showing purchases by date," said Ron Collins, spokesperson for Calgary Transit, adding that this proof of purchase is all Canada Revenue needs.

Joanne de Waal of the Canada Revenue Agency in Alberta said passes would be eligible for non-refundable tax credits.

"What that means is the 15 per cent of whatever it is you spent on it can be used to reduce your tax owing, but not put you in a negative position."

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Gimme a break

- Only monthly passes or uninterrupted and unlimited travel for a minimum of five days are eligible for a tax credit.
- For more information on tax credits, go to the Revenue Canada website at cra-arc.gc.ca or the Calgary Transit site, calgarytransit.com.

Massive cleanup

Recycling plant fire remains under watch

Officials are still monitoring a stubborn fire at a southeast Calgary recycling plant and work at the site is ongoing 24 hours a day.

The closure of Ogden Road from Bonnybrook Road to 38 Avenue is expected to go on through the weekend as crews remove debris from the location to an adjacent site.

Some 45,000 tonnes of rubbish were moved on Wednesday alone. Air quality remains acceptable in the area, an official said Thursday.

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Yes, they're cute, but leave those baby bunnies alone, experts say

Yearly problem. Calgary animal shelters and rehab centres receive calls about bunnies every spring

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The Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society has seen nearly 50 baby bunnies like this one brought in by concerned Calgarians. CONTRIBUTED/CALGARY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION SOCIETY

Baby bunnies are hopping in abundance around the city, and animal experts are hoping they stay in the wild.

The Calgary Humane Society has been overwhelmed with calls from people asking about infant bunnies they believe have been abandoned by their mothers or are in danger.

"This week, there's been a really high volume of calls," spokesperson Christy Thompson said, adding the society has had more than 100 calls recently. "People find them and think they've been abandoned and they haven't."

Jenna McFarland, wildlife-care supervisor with the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, said her group is taking care of and tube-feeding 49 baby bunnies, all of which have come to them in the past two weeks.

"The problem that we have is that people see a baby bunny by itself and they say, 'It looks so unhappy, it's shivering,' and they feel like they're rescuing it," she said.

McFarland said the mothers leave the babies unattended during the day while they forage for food and return in the evening and call to their babies.

While the society will take animals that have been injured, McFarland advises Calgarians to leave the baby bunnies outside because they don't do well in captivity and some even die of heart attacks under the care of the society.

"Their best chance of survival, even with the predation factor, is with their mother."

Rabbit season

- McFarland said the hares seen around Calgary produce litters three times per year, in late April, late June and late August.
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Don't get caught unprepared — even a whistle can save lives

Keeping Calgary prepared. Emergency Preparedness Week runs from May 6 to 12 throughout the city

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Being prepared helped save the lives on Ingrid Roxas' family in 2009, when Typhoon Ondoy struck Manila.

Roxas, a City of Calgary employee, understood the value of having an emergency kit on hand and made sure her family in Manila also got a copy of how to prepare a kit for themselves.

One of the items on the list that Roxas sent her family is what ultimately saved the lives of her grandmother, aunt and uncle.

"It was the whistle that saved their lives," said Roxas.

"The whistle sound is what alerted the Red Cross to them and they got there just in time."

Disaster Alley

- Disaster Alley takes place on May 12 from 11 a.m. until 4 a.m.
- It is a free event.

Roxas shared this story with a number of students from St. Thomas More School and Annie Foote School on Thursday, to help kick off Emergency Preparedness Week.

The Calgary Emergency Management Agency promotes awareness and importance of preparation for emergencies and disasters that may occur in Calgary.

CEMA recommends each household should have a 72-hour kit, like the one Roxas sent to her family, that will contain enough supplies for you and your family for three days, or 72 hours in an emergency situation.

The organization also recommend each household have Emergency Action Plan. Both can be found at calgary.ca

Ingrid Roxas hold up a whistle/flashlight that she packs in her emergency kit. She spoke to the students at Thomas More School on Thursday morning about Emergency Preparedness Week and how an emergency kit helped save her family. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Options for Eamon's to go before council

Iconic Eamon's station is the subject of a planned relocation to make way for the city's northwest LRT. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Eamon's Bungalow Camp sat quietly in Calgary for years before entering the city's scene again in a big way.

The old service station and iconic sign sit on land to be used for the extension of the northwest LRT, with the building originally slated to be demolished while reusing the sign.

However, increased public awareness and pressure by the heritage groups has caused the city to rethink its plans.

In a recommendation going to council on Monday, four scenarios are outlined for the project, including keeping the building in its original position, permanent removal, temporary removal or demolition.

"We're looking at options that will retain the heritage value of the building and allow for it be reused on-site rather than demolishing it," said Anne Cataford, manager of LRT projects.

A temporary removal option is being recommended, meaning the building would likely taken away in segments, stored and then brought back to the Park and Ride site. A third party would be sought to lease out and refurbish the building, used for an undetermined purpose at this point.

If passed, the option would set the LRT construction schedule back one month and increase the budget by $500,000.

Alderman Shane Keating said he wasn't sure where the money would come from, but that some would have been budgeted these land acquisition scenarios.

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More improvement needed, says AHS

Health care. Some surgery and ER discharge times are down, but hospital bed wait times are still off target

The Alberta government says it is making marginal improvements in delivering some key health services, but critics say it isn't enough.

It a quarterly performance report released Thursday Alberta Health Services says access to cataract surgeries and radiation therapy has improved.

Emergency Department wait times were also down.

The government agency says as of Dec. 31, 81 per cent of patients in emergency rooms were being discharged within four hours — the target is 84 per cent.

But only 56 per cent of emergency patients were being admitted to a hospital bed within eight hours, again a slight improvement, but well off the target of 65 per cent.

Catherine Roozen, CEO, Alberta Health Services
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Catherine Roozen, CEO of Alberta Health Services, acknowledged more needs to be done.

"Alberta Health Services remains focused on our core strategic goals of increasing access, reducing wait times, expanding continuing care options and helping people achieve and maintain health," she said.

Alberta Health Services says it did meet its target to open 1,000 continuing care beds by the end of March. The agency is running a modest surplus on a budget of almost $12 billion.

The Opposition Wildrose party was critical of the government's performance, noting that 1,500 seniors are still on waiting lists for long-term care beds.

Wildrose seniors critic Kerry Towle noted that there are 489 seniors in hospital acute care beds waiting to transfer to a long-term facility.

He called on the Progressive Conservatives to spend more money to fix the problem. "The proper investment needs to be made into long-term care so our seniors are not asked to continue to wait in expensive and uncomfortable hospitals rooms without getting the treatment they need," he said.

Wildrose health critic Heather Forsyth said progress on hip and knee replacement surgeries remains stagnant.

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Marsh bikes for Boys and Girls

Former Calgary Flames captain Brad Marsh makes a stop in Calgary Thursday on his 90-day, 10,000-kilometre bicycle challenge across Canada to raise awareness and money for the Boys and Girls Clubs.

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Crime

Police obtain $800k of pot plants

Two successful drug investigations have netted hundreds of pot plants with an estimated value of nearly $800,000.

On Tuesday tactical unit officers executed a search warrant at a home in the 2300 block of 50 St. NE and seized cash, drugs and drug paraphernalia and a weapon.

Khalil Oday Fares, 29 of Calgary is facing charges in relation to the bust.

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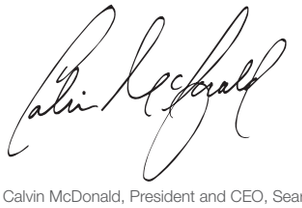

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Morgan Freeman. Student filmmakers pursue actor

A catastrophic hard drive failure has led a pair of film school students on an epic odyssey to convince Hollywood icon Morgan Freeman to narrate their project

Ian MacDougall and Mackenzie Warner, his classmate at Simon Fraser University, had a week to track him down.

MacDougall heard Freeman would be the MC at a blues concert in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Bill Luckett, who co-owns the bar with Freeman there, heard their story and agreed to call Freeman on his cell phone and make the pitch.

The answer? Freeman chuckled, and said they'd have to talk to his agent before he could commit to anything. They still hope to get Freeman's participation in narrating the documentary about finding him.

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Tuition hike. Numbers behind Quebec debate

Tuition has been mostly frozen in Quebec for 43 years, but there is little evidence this has increased university enrolment. Only about 30 per cent of Quebec's young people go to university — six percentage points less than the national average, according to a study published by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.

Atlantic Canada has a 50 per cent enrolment rate — even though average tuition fees there are roughly double that of Quebec's.

The study suggests the cost of tuition does not have a noticeable effect on university enrolment rates, but that the most important factor for enrolment rates is actually generational. Young people are more likely to go to university if their parents did, regardless of income.

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Toronto Mayor refuses media scrums with reporter

A different scrum. Police were called over an incident involving a Toronto Star scribe snooping around the mayor's property

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford answers questions from the media following the announcement of a pedestrian tunnel to be constructed to Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto on March 9. PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he won't talk to any media in the presence of a reporter he accuses of spying on his home.

Ford told radio station AM640 this morning he wants Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale removed from covering city hall in light of last night's confrontation.

Police were called to the mayor's west Toronto home after a neighbour saw someone who appeared to be in the mayor's backyard with a recording device.

The Star says Dale was on public property next to Ford's home and was there to research a story about a piece of land Ford wants to buy. The paper says Dale was not there to harass Ford.

A visibly angry Ford held a press conference outside his home on Wednesday night and said it's unbelievable what the reporter did, adding when he confronted Dale, the journalist dropped his phone and recorder before running away.

Dale's version of events, posted on the Star's website, says Ford yelled and charged at him with one fist up even though the reporter pleaded for him to stop.

Ford said this morning he "never laid a hand on" Dale but stressed he doesn't want to see the reporter in any media scrums.

"I will not be talking to any reporters if he is part of that scrum," he told AM640.

This isn't the first time Ford has been involved in a dust-up with a member of the media.

In October, Ford called 911 after Mary Walsh of the CBC's comedy series "22 Minutes" confronted him in his driveway dressed as her Marg Delahunty, Princess Warrior character.

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News in pictures

1 Appeal trial. Man wrongfully convicted of murder sues

Romeo Phillion, who spent more than 30 years in jail after being wrongfully convicted of murder, is suing those he says are responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 New career. Former B.C. attorney general lands part in film

Wally Oppal, the commissioner overseeing the Robert Pickton inquiry, has landed a bit part on a forthcoming film in which the former judge plays a stock broker who's gunned down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 F-35. Those responsible for fighter-jet fiasco face questions

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page appears as a witness at Commons Public accounts committee to discuss the F-35 Fighter Jet on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Witnesses detail island shootings

Breivik's massacre. Ferry captain describes his 'angst and full panic' after mass murderer began Utoya island slaughter

Norway

Breivik has earlier said that being declared insane would be the worst thing that could happen. It would "delegitimize" his views.

Witnesses in Norway recounted Thursday how mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik — armed and in police uniform — managed to trick his way onto a ferry to Utoya island, where he massacred 69 people in a shooting spree just hours after killing eight people in a bomb attack.

Jon Olson, captain of the MS Thorbjoern ferry, told the Oslo District Court about his "angst and full panic" as he frantically tried to contact police about the island attack after his ferry had docked at Utoya.

Breivik has admitted to the bombing in Oslo's government district and the subsequent shootings at a Labor Party youth camp on Utoya. He claims the July 22 attacks were "necessary" and that the 77 victims had betrayed Norway by embracing immigration.

Olson, who lost his partner, Monica Boesei, the second person to die in the shootings, said neither he nor his crew suspected the uniform-clad Breivik to be anything other than a police officer.

Investigating officers told how the heavily armed killer shot his victims, beginning with a security official on the island and then 68 others, mostly the youth who were participating in the summer retreat.

Breivik's weapons included a Ruger Mini-14 Ranch rifle, equipped with a bayonet; a pistol and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

He was also carrying a gas mask, a tourniquet, flashlight and three chocolate bars when he arrived on the island, police said.

Since he has admitted his actions, Breivik's mental state is the key issue for the trial to resolve.

If found guilty and sane, Breivik would face 21 years in prison, although he can be held longer if deemed a danger to society.

If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.

In earlier court sessions, Breivik has coldly described the meticulously planned attacks in highly gruesome detail.

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Showing the big guns, the 'last resort' in Olympic security

Members of the British military's Royal Artillery regiment stand near a Rapier air-defence system in Blackheath, London, during a media event ahead of a training exercise designed to test military procedures for the upcoming Olympics. Britain's military is carrying out security tests including the deployment of ground-to-air missile systems, which are being considered for the Games. It's a move the government has defended as a "last resort" measure of security and one that has been used at previous Olympics.

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Furor widens over Tymoshenko

Jailed ex-premier of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko says she was punched by prison guards who were taking her to hospital.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Ukrainian leaders on Thursday to give jailed ex-premier Yulia Tymoshenko "proper treatment" for her ailments, as more top officials announced they would boycott the Euro 2012 soccer championship co-hosted by Ukraine.

Merkel insisted that she had not yet decided whether to stay away from the matches in Ukraine, but said her priority now was the former leader's health.

Euro 2012 is the continent's most prestigious soccer tournament, taking place only once every four years. The dispute over Tymoshenko, Ukraine's top opposition figure, is coming as a big blow to the country's hopes of using the tournament to boost tourism and trade with the 27-nation European Union. Ukraine, which is not in the EU, is co-hosting with EU member Poland.

Tymoshenko, 51, is on a hunger strike to protest alleged mistreatment. She claims guards punched her.

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Luring birds back

Mission. The once ubiquitous swallow has all but vanished from San Juan Capistrano — but courtship calls might just bring them back

A swallow-viewing area at the mission. CHRIS CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reminders of the legend of the swallows are everywhere at the historic Mission San Juan Capistrano.

They once swarmed to the California mission each spring, flying from southern Argentina to nest in the stone ruins of the mission's earthquake-damaged church. In recent years, however, the swallows have all but vanished. Now the mission is trying to lure swallows with a love song that's all their own. Speakers hidden in the colorful gardens play swallow courtship calls for up to six hours a day during mating season in a last-ditch effort to woo the flocks back.

The experiment is the brainchild of a U.S. ornithologist who has studied cliff swallows for nearly 30 years. The story of the cliff swallows draws crowds each year for the annual month-long fiesta that marks their return and the Swallows Day Parade.

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Fancy tea with those 3,120 cakes?

Chef Gerhard Jenne works on a test section of a pixilated portrait of the Queen, made out of cakes, at Konditor and Cook, in London on Thursday. The finished portrait made up of 3,120 cakes, one for each week of the Queen's reign, will be displayed in Battersea Park, London, at the Diamond Jubilee festival. DOMINIC LIPINSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tribal ritual

Charges dropped against three Zimbabwe women

Prosecutors in Zimbabwe said Thursday they have dropped charges against three women accused of raping men to collect their semen for tribal rituals after DNA tests failed to link them to 17 men who claimed they were victims.

Prosecutors said the DNA evidence had cleared the women.

The will now face prostitution charges.

The women and a male companion were arrested in November on charges of "aggravated indecent assault" amid allegations they lured men into a car and forced them to have sex at gunpoint, knifepoint or using drugged drinks to collect semen for tribal rituals.

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War crimes

80-year sentence sought for Liberia's Charles Taylor

Former Liberian president Charles Taylor deserves an 80-year sentence for the war crimes he was convicted of last week, including aiding and abetting murder and rape on a mass scale, prosecutors said in a written filing Thursday.

Judges at the Special Court for Sierra Leone on April 26 ruled Taylor played a crucial role in helping rebels to continue a bloody rampage during that West African nation's 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002 with more than 50,000 dead.

They found Taylor guilty of 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, for his role in arming the Sierra Leone rebels in exchange for "blood diamonds." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Perjury retrial

Syringes used as evidence against Roger Clemens

For the first time Thursday, the jury in the Roger Clemens trial saw in person the physical evidence the government says will link the 11-time all-star baseball pitcher to anabolic steroids, evidence that Clemens' lawyer has called a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage."

The items, including gauze, tissues, syringes, cotton balls and needles were presented on Day 10 of the retrial on charges that Clemens (pictured above) committed perjury when he told Congress in 2008 that he had never taken steroids or human growth hormone.

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Final Osama bin Laden dispatches reveal remorse

A jihadist's decree. Al-Quida boss hoped to spare Muslim lives and refocus energies with more attacks on United States

In dispatches from his final lair, Osama bin Laden expressed disappointment in his al-Qaida affiliates, miffed that their jihadi operations in the Middle East were costing innocent Muslim lives and urged them to redirect their murderous aim at the United States.

The revelations, coming in the wake of the anniversary of bin Laden's death at the hands of U.S. navy SEALs in that very Pakistani hideout, are contained in a trove of documents penned by bin Laden and other top al-Qaida officials.

They were made public Thursday by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

In a 45-page letter to a top al-Qaida official, bin Laden asks that the terrorist organization develop hit squads to kill U.S. President Barack Obama and Gen. David Petraeus during visits to Pakistan and Afghanistan, but says Vice-President Joe Biden should be spared given the longtime legislator is "totally unprepared for the presidency."

The earliest bin Laden letter released Thursday is dated September 2006 and the latest just shortly before his death, the terrorism centre said.

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Last words

"America is the head of the infidels.... If God wills it, America's head can be cut off."

Osama bin Laden, in the days leading up to his death at the hands of U.S. navy SEALs

Israel makes fundamental shift on military service

In this Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, file photo, Israeli soldiers and ultra-Orthodox Jewish men pray next to the Western Wall, in Jerusalem. Israel has been ordered to stop its contentious practice of letting ultra-Orthodox men dodge its supposedly compulsory draft, a step that could reshape Israeli society and drag down the government along the way. ODED BALILTY|THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Press freedom. Somalian reporter killed

Dozens of Somali journalists met Thursday in sombre silence to celebrate World Press Freedom Day, a meeting that came only hours after the killing of the fifth Somali journalist this year.

Two armed men shadowed Somali radio journalist Farhan Abdulle after he left his station late Wednesday, then shot him dead.

His death is the latest in a string of what appear to be targeted killings of reporters in Somalia. Britain and the United States expressed its alarm at the killing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug war. Three more journalists slain in Mexico

Three men who had worked as news photographers were found slain and dumped together in plastic bags by a canal in the eastern Mexico state of Veracruz on Thursday, less than a week after the killing in the same state of a reporter for an investigative newsmagazine.

Press advocates called for immediate government action to halt a wave of attacks that has killed at least six current and former reporters and photographers in Veracruz over the last year.

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Wallet found 63 years later helps reunite family

Lost and Found.
Blog post helps track down owners of billfold sealed inside antique cabinet

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

The discovery of a 63-year-old wallet in Whistler, B.C., has bridged generations, connected families and given store owner Lorna Van Straaten one amazing story to tell.

The owner of Whistler's Re-Build-It Centre found the wallet, belonging to a Donald Milford Townsend of Burbank, Calif., in a sealed compartment of a fetching black antique cabinet she had just sold.

The contents — including a driver's licence, union card, family photos and a silver coin — astounded her and sent her on a memorable quest to find the man's family.

"Some of the things we find (in her two antique shops) are beyond description.

"We get lots of really cool items, but in terms of family sentimental value this tops them all," Van Straaten told Metro.

The store owner posted the contents of the wallet and her story on her blog, reuseitwhistler.blogspot.com, in an attempt to track down Townsend's family.

Time capsule

"All of this has been sealed away since 1949. No one has touched it. It's really a snapshot of what life was like then."
Lorna Van Straaten,
owner of Re-Build-It Centre antique store.

Within a day, Van Straaten had been able to connect with Townsend's cousin, grandson and great nephew.

Townsend himself had died in 2005.

Aside from being an astounding find, the wallet ended up reuniting the relatives.

A postage stamp and blood-donor card were among items recently found in a wallet in Whistler dating back to 1949.
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Saving a life — one tweet at a time

Finding a donor.
Woman with genetic condition believes social media can help spread the word about donating bone marrow

LIA GRAINGER
For Metro

Cristina Di Corte remembers the day she found out she had mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy — it was the same day she learned that a bone marrow transplant could save her life. It was also the beginning of an ambitious coast-to-coast social media campaign to find a donor match.

"It was really scary to finally find out what I have," says the 22-year-old Mississauga native of that day last November.

If you've never heard of the disease, also known by its acronym MNGIE, you're not alone. The genetic condition has only ever been diagnosed in 70 people worldwide and is so rare that most doctors have never heard of it.

Di Corte first started noticing symptoms when she was 17, but it would be four years before she was accurately diagnosed. The condition affects the muscles that move material through the digestive system, so much of what Di Corte ate would sit in her system and rot. A hairdresser at Erin Mills Town Centre, she became so exhausted that she was unable to work.

"I was nauseous, throwing up, and had horrible stomach pains," says Di Corte. Already a naturally slim woman at 98 pounds, her weight dropped to as low as 68 pounds. A series of doctors and specialists misdiagnosed her with irritable bowel syndrome, tested her for celiac disease and colon cancer, and even sent her to a clinic for people with eating disorders.

To finally be able to name the disease was little comfort though, as it came with the news that she would need a bone marrow transplant.

"I basically need it as soon as possible," says Di Corte, who now receives nutrients through a central catheter line and is back up to 80 pounds. Unfortunately, her mother, father and brother are not matches. Di Corte is registered with OneMatch.ca, a stem cell and marrow donor network, but they warned her that the list is long.

OneMatch.ca

All that's required to register with Canada's stem cell and marrow network is a simple, non-invasive cheek swab — and you don't even need to see a doctor to do it.

- Individuals can go to OneMatch.ca and order a free swab kit. A YouTube video explains how to take the swab and then the samples are simply popped back in the mail, postage paid.

That's when her older brother had an idea. "He was like, why don't we put this on Facebook?" says Di Corte.

A Facebook event asked friends and family to tweet #hopeforcristina on Twitter every Wednesday at 6 p.m., and the call has been a trending topic in Canada three times. She also has her own website, Helpingcristina.org, and it wasn't long before Di Corte was telling her story on Citytv.

"I think if more young people knew about OneMatch and how easy it is to be tested, they would register," says Di Corte. "You could save someone's life."

Cristina Di Corte explains her condition during an interview with Citytv in this screen grab. CONTRIBUTED

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'Stemfest'?

Holland embraces flowerless stems

The annual Tulip Time festival in West Michigan is looking like it might be more of a "stemfest" thanks to unseasonably warm weather that brought out blooming flowers earlier than usual this year.

So organizers of the 83-year-old event in Holland are embracing the otherwise troublesome presence of so many flowerless stems in the city's tulip beds. The Holland Sentinel reports they'll start selling $10 "stemfest" shirts and $1 buttons on Friday, the day before the festival opens.

The black T-shirts depict a wilting white tulip missing its petals.

The Grand Rapids Press reports a Holland business Harbor Wear is selling its own "Stem Fest" clothing.

The Holland parks department estimated Monday that about 40 per cent of the 500,000 flowers planted by the city will be in bloom next week.

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No dogs allowed

Vienna's first cat cafe opens

Would you like a cat with your coffee?

If so, Vienna's newest coffee house is the place to go.

Five cats roam freely in "Cafe Neko," ready to be stroked and cuddled — and when they are tired of all the attention, they can disappear into their own space or climb high above the tables, out of reach of the guests.

"Cafe Neko" opened Thursday.

Owner Alexander Thuer tells the Austria Press Agency that the idea to combine coffee with cats comes from his Japanese wife, Takako Ishimitsu, who says such establishments are common in Asia — but rare in Europe.

But not all guests are welcome.

Dogs, which have entry to most Viennese coffee houses, have to stay outside.

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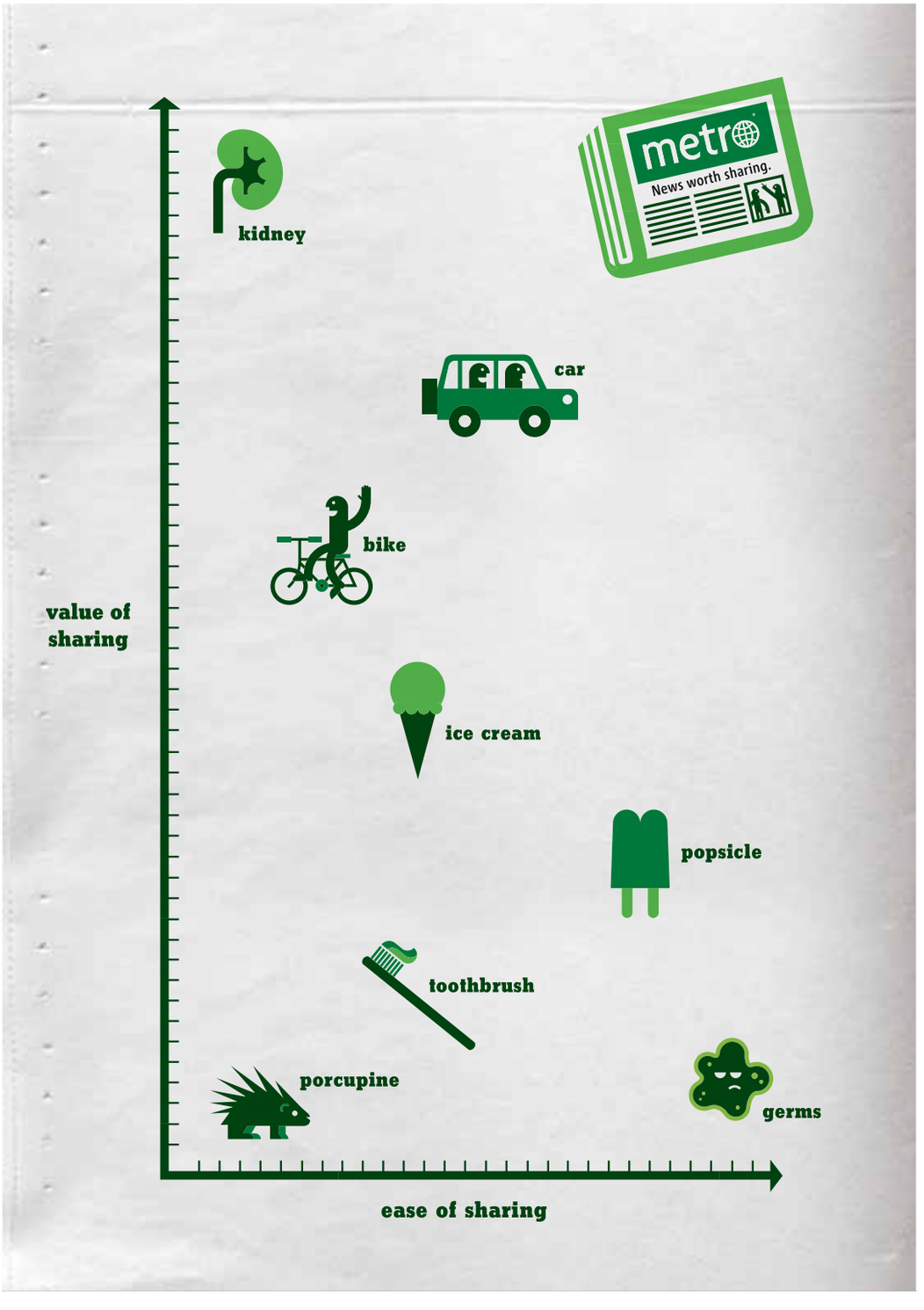

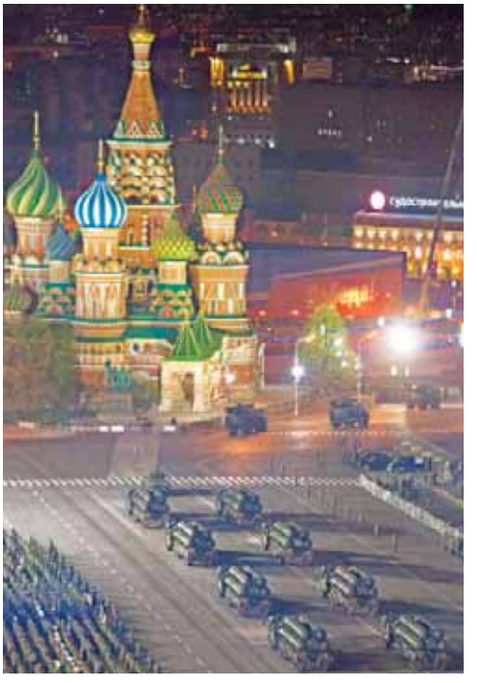

Russia rehearses celebration

Russian military vehicles make their way through Red Square Thursday during a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade which will take place at Moscow's Red Square on May 9 to celebrate 67 years of the victory in the Second World War.

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Blind activist's reversal ramps up U.S.-China suspicion

Change of heart. Chen Guangcheng leaves U.S. Embassy for Beijing hospital, bedeviling resolution

The diplomatic disarray deepened Thursday after a blind activist reversed course and asked to leave China with his family, abandoning an arduously negotiated agreement even though he had left the protection of the U.S. Embassy and was in a Beijing hospital ringed by Chinese police.

Bewildered and alone with his wife and children, Chen Guangcheng periodically switched on a cellphone to tell friends and foreign media he felt scared and wanted to go abroad, and that he had not seen U.S. officials in over a day.

He even called in to a congressional hearing in Washington, telling lawmakers he wanted to meet with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. "I hope I can get more help from her," Chen said.

U.S. diplomats spent much of Thursday trying to confirm that the family wanted to leave, and they eventually said they would try to help him.

Still, it remained unclear how they might do so now that he has left the embassy, or whether the Chinese would be willing to renegotiate a deal that both sides thought had been settled a day earlier.

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Sharp criticism

The Obama administration's handling of the case drew sharp criticism from Mitt Romney and Republican lawmakers.

- **Politics.** Campaigning in Virginia, the Republican presidential candidate said reports that American officials allowed Chen to leave the embassy represented a "dark day for freedom" and a "day of shame for the Obama administration."

Dozens killed in failed market robbery

Nigeria. Country is already under constant attack by radical Islamists

Robbers angered by a crowd burning one of their colleagues alive attacked a cattle market in northeast Nigeria, killing at least 34 people in the latest violence fanning across the bloodied region, witnesses and an official said Thursday.

The violence began Wednesday, as witnesses said gunmen started shooting at the market in Potiskum, a city 575 kilometres northeast of Nigeria's central capital, Abuja. Three people were killed in the ensuing gunfire, which ended when the attackers ran out of ammunition, witnesses said.

All but one of the gunmen escaped. Those gathered in the market beat the gunmen left behind before dousing him in gasoline and lighting him on fire, a punishment still meted out by mobs in a nation where few trust the under-equipped and corrupt federal police force.

As the market closed for the night, the gunmen returned, setting fire to cattle-holding pens and cars parked around the area. Potiskum General Hospital, the only major medical facility in the town, took in 34 corpses from the attack, an official there said. About a dozen charred corpses were seen lining an open-air morgue.

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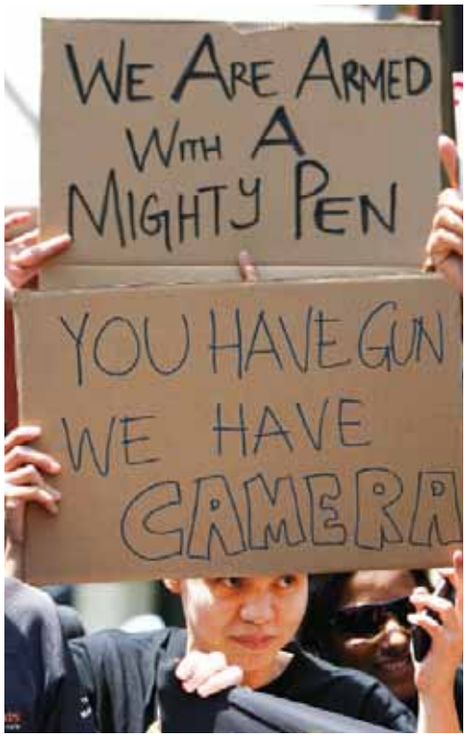
Cause of the clashes

Cattle raids remain common across the north, as herdsmen lead teams across the arid plains to the market.

- While attacks there often cuts across ethnic and religious lines, the root of the violence often comes back to grazing rights and political power.

Dead cows lie amid burned posts Thursday following a raid by gunmen in a cattle market in Potiskum, Nigeria. ADAMU ADAMU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Speaking up for press freedom

Members of the press hold placards during a rally to mark World Press Freedom Day in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Thursday. Members of the Malaysian press protested against the attacks on members of the media by police during a rally Saturday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle

Barefoot Bandit out of solitary confinement

The youthful thief who led a two-year crime spree in stolen boats, cars and planes is out of solitary confinement.

A spokesman says Colton Harris-Moore, 21, known as the Barefoot Bandit, entered intensive management with death-row inmates as soon he began his sentence because he was a high-profile prisoner.

He was arrested in the Bahamas in 2010 after crash-landing a stolen plane.

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Brazil

Rio de Janeiro starts advertising cleanup

Officials in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are trying to make the city more attractive.

Mayor Eduardo Paes has ordered the removal of massive billboards, banner advertisements covering buildings and illegal advertising stuck to other spaces.

Some 50 workers began tearing down billboards in front of iconic Guanabara Bay, launching a campaign to remove distractions from the view of the emerald green Atlantic rain forest on the mountainsides and the white-sand beaches.

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Syria. Bloody protests continue against President Assad

Syrian forces stormed student dormitories during an anti-government protest at Aleppo University Thursday, firing tear gas and bullets in an hours-long siege that killed at least four students and forced the closure of the state-run school, activists said.

UN truce observers toured other restive parts of the country, and residents told them of being too terrified to walk on the streets after dark as the 14-month-old uprising rages on.

Some 9,000 people have been killed since the revolt began, and a peace plan brokered by international envoy Kofi Annan nearly a month ago has done little to stem the bloodshed.

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney admitted the plan might be doomed.

"If the regime's intransigence continues, the international community is going to have to admit defeat," he said, adding that new measures might have to be taken, including a return to the UN Security Council. He gave no further details.

It was not clear how long the university would remain closed following the siege, which began late Wednesday when 1,500 students held a protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan

Terrorist attack averted

Afghanistan's intelligence agency prevented a large terrorist attack, arresting a Pakistani citizen driving a truck packed with explosives, according to a statement Thursday.

The agency said that the man was arrested on a main road in Kabul's east. It said the man was going to use the truck bomb in a suicide attack, but it was unclear if the attack was imminent.

The agency did not say what the suspected target was.

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Egyptian tinderbox

Egypt. Generals pledge to transfer power to civilians, a day after deadly clashes

An Egyptian medic helps a man during clashes. MOSTAFA EL SHEMY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt's ruling generals repeated their pledge Thursday to transfer power to a civilian government within two months, a day after deadly clashes stoked by political tensions brought fresh accusations that the military was trying to create chaos so it could cling to power.

At the same time, the ruling military council warned anti-government protesters that deadly force would be used against them if they approached the Ministry of Defence.

At least 11 people were killed in clashes that broke out Wednesday when apparent supporters of the military rulers attacked a mostly Islamist crowd staging a sit-in outside the Ministry of Defence in Cairo to call for an end to the generals' rule.

The protesters were predominantly supporters of an ultraconservative presidential candidate who was barred from running in the May 23-24 presidential election.

Army troops were accused of standing idly by near the clashes and not intervening until after the deaths.

But a senior member of the ruling military council tried to counter accusations from some rival politicians that the military might use the violence as a pretext to ignore its own deadline to relinquish control of the country.

Some suspect the military wants to create turmoil so it can justify holding onto power by claiming it is needed to maintain law and order.

The election is expected to be followed by a runoff on June 16-17 with the winner to be announced on June 21.

Protesters have been outside the Defence Ministry for days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Disturbing" day

U.S. senate foreign relations committee chairman John Kerry described Wednesday's violence as "disturbing," during a visit to Egypt and said the U.S. stands by the right of Egyptians to express their views.`

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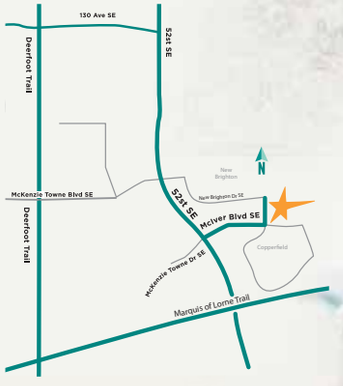

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Social network. Facebook sets share-price range for upcoming IPO

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That's much higher than any other Internet IPO in the past, even Google in 2004, which raised $1.9 billion. The range came in a regulatory filing Thursday.

After that, Facebook will go on an "IPO roadshow," where executives talk to potential investors about why they should invest in the stock. If all goes well, Facebook's stock is expected to price on May 17 and go public on May 18.

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RIM shares plunge to near decade low

Market. BlackBerry maker's shares plunge to below $12 in the three days following initial preview of new operating system

The Canadian company that revolutionized the mobile phone industry spent a very expensive week trying to sell the idea that the BlackBerry isn't a dying technology, only to see its share price close Thursday at its lowest level in nearly a decade.

Research In Motion stock fell 72 cents, or 5.7 per cent, to close at $11.91 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

It hasn't been below $12 since 2003.

Thursday's plunge marked three days of declines that began after the Waterloo, Ont., tech giant gave a first glimpse of its much-anticipated new operating software at its annual developer conference in Orlando, Fla.

The BlackBerry 10 OS prototype was handed to developers in the hope of getting them onside and writing applications for the system, but it won't hit the market for several months.

A BlackBerry testing device.
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RIM's shares have fallen some 15 per cent since Tuesday's reveal of the operating system. At its height the stock was trading at more than $144 in 2008, when RIM was briefly the most valuable company on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

During the conference, RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins was forced to confront rumours that the new BlackBerry would feature only a touchscreen keyboard and not a physical keypad.

The confusion arose after Heins unveiled the new operating system and focused on some flashy features available to touchscreen users, but didn't address any future plans for keypad devices. Some reports suggested the company would completely ditch the physical keys that helped build its name and are favoured by many of its users.

"We won't lose the focus on physical keypads. It would be wrong, just plain wrong to do this," Heins said.

At this point, it's hard to tell whether the event either helped or hurt the company in the long run, but judging by RIM's volatile stock, investors aren't impressed yet.

BlackBerry 10 is seen as an important part of RIM's attempt to compete against the likes of the iPhone and devices using Google's Android operating system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline. Keystone XL future still uncertain

TransCanada won't confirm a report in the Washington Post that it will reapply for its controversial Keystone XL pipeline as soon as Friday.

A person familiar with TransCanada's plans spoke to the Post on the condition of anonymity because a formal announcement has not yet been made, the newspaper said Thursday.

CEO Russ Girling told reporters following TransCanada's annual general meeting last Friday that the new application is "imminent." Company spokesman Terry Cunha said Thursday that Girling's comment still stands, with no specific date being provided.

The Obama administration rejected the $7.6-billion US project earlier this year, though it left the door open for TransCanada to take another crack at it.

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Google goes up against authors in court case

Google has urged a judge to toss The Authors Guild out of litigation over the future of the world's largest digital library.

A Google lawyer told a judge Thursday that authors cannot be represented as a group because their interests are too varied.

The Author's Guild lawyer said it would be too expensive to force authors to fight Google individually.

The Manhattan judge earlier tossed out a settlement in the case, suggesting Google might want to allow book owners to opt into the library rather than be required to quit it.

The lawsuit was filed by the authors six years ago.

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Market Minute

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SNC-Lavalin chairman delivers optimistic outlook

SNC-Lavalin chairman Gwyn Morgan speaks at the company's AGM in Toronto on Thursday. He said client confidence remains strong despite intense turmoil resulting from disclosure of $56 million of mysterious payments that have tarnished its name. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 **Same old story:** You know the one — lady's philandering husband spends all her money, then leaves for a hotter, richer woman. Spurned lady spends a year feeling dirty and used, and just when she's begun to move on, he returns with flowers and playful charms. Still vulnerable, she crumbles, and her friends throw up their arms saying, "He's not even that good looking." In other news, Conrad Black returns to Canada.

2 **Let it be written:** As an example of necessity being the "mother of invention," researchers at Arizona State University have released a list of "commandments" for Facebook. Issues covered by the rules: acknowledging postings to your page by clicking "Like," inappropriate "poking" (never wise), and posting pictures of friends from a debauched weekend in Vegas. My favourite edict, not limited to FB, is "Thou shalt use common sense," which, ironically, supersedes a need for the list to begin with.

3 **Carrot caution:** A study released Wednesday out of Ohio University has found that consuming excessive amounts of beta carotene might not be good for you. Contrary to what we've been told for centuries, it can block some effects of vitamin A critical to vision, skin health, metabolism and immune function. Vision? It goes to show you just can't trust your mom anymore.

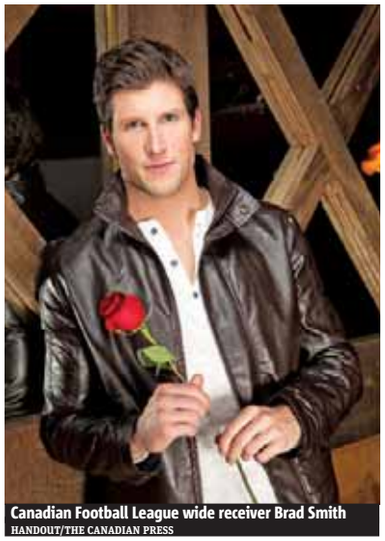
4 **Playing hardball:** Two years after Victoria's Secret combined two of men's favorite things by releasing their line of baseball-themed lingerie, they introduce the Blue Jays collection. With two types of sexy briefs (one leopard print), and two skimpy tees, they've given new meaning to the phrase "Sliding into home."

5 **United we stand:** Canadian awards shows the Genies and the Geminis, are joining forces to create just one all-encompassing program. This is great news for apathetic Canadians who now only have to not watch one show.

6 **Labour days:** Jessica Simpson has given birth to a 22-inch, nine-pound, 13-ounce baby girl. This explains the tremendous baby bump that prompted pregnant Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi to say, "I'd die if I ever got that big." Aw, Snooki, we don't want you to die. We just want you to go away. Gone.

7 **Hoops! My bad:** Some are saying the stress of the condensed NBA season has resulted in a post-season riddled with injuries. None more symbolic than when Knicks' Amare Stoudemire tempered the burning flames of his competitive passion after a brutal loss to Miami by punching a fire extinguisher. Someone might have mentioned requiring the hand to play out the series. Surprisingly, Amare skipped college to go pro.

8 **Canadian courtship:** Our nation's first TV Bachelor is CFL wide receiver Brad Smith, who can't wait to meet all the wonderful women who will join him in this consummate quest for love. He seeks independent, intelligent women who are "just as confident in a ponytail and sweats as they are all dressed up." And adds that high-maintenance women turn him off. Relax, Brad. Any intelligent woman willing to endure weeks of public judgment, cat fights and drama, all to potentially marry a CFL player, is probably not high-maintenance.



Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith
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A 'Scream' is worth $119.9M

GETTY IMAGES

Edvard Munch

Work of art sells for historic price

NEW YORK. Edvard Munch's The Scream made history on Wednesday night when it became the most expensive piece of art ever sold at auction.

After a fierce bidding war at Sotheby's New York, the 1895 pastel went to an anonymous buyer for $119.9 million US. The auction house was thrilled at the "historic" price on a night when sales topped $330 million US.

Simon Shaw, the head of impressionist and modern art for Sotheby's, said the painting was a good deal.

"If ever there was a work of art of true shock and awe, it is Edvard Munch's The Scream, which is not only one of the seminal images from art history, but also one of the visual keys to the modern consciousness."

The work is one of four versions by the Norwegian expressionist artist and was the only one still privately owned.

It is regarded as the most prized of the four as a poem written by the artist is on the frame.

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Scream-worthy poetry

"I was walking along the road with two friends. The Sun was setting — The Sky turned a bloody red And I felt a whiff of Melancholy — I stood Still, deathly tired — over the blue-black Fjord and City hung Blood and Tongues of Fire. My Friends walked on — I remained behind — shivering with Anxiety. I felt the great Scream in Nature."

Munch's poem written in blood red paint

By the numbers

What can you buy with $119.9 million US?

- 60,000 classic British telephone boxes
- 20,000 tigers
- 40 Stradivarius violins
- 15 light jets
- Six holidays at the International Space Station
- One Cristiano Ronaldo

60 seconds

Modern art specialist Philip Hook

Why has this work of art been so popular?

It's one of the most important pictures ever in terms of fame and familiarity because it captures the modern man with his angst and alienation. It marked a new phase at the start of the 20th century when artists began portraying their own emotions.

What moral lessons can be found in it?

There is a comment on man's relationship with nature, but also it is based on guilt. When Munch painted this his father had just died and his sister was in a lunatic asylum.

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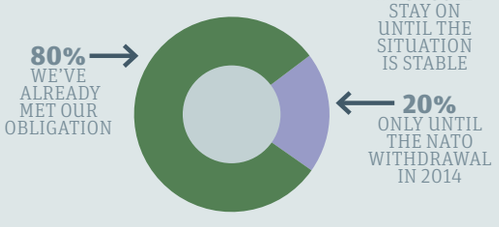
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@AmberMcDermott1: It is May 3rd and I am wearing gloves, a scarf and winter jacket. Awesome #yyc .

@Charlton_Lender: Just walked past an Air Canada pilot at #yyc, hope I don't come down with a nasty flu now!

@stephaedwards: I'm starting to like this crappy #yyc weather! Gives me an excuse to stay inside at lunch and leave work early!! #partayyy

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Putting the 'super' in superhero films

Roundup. Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin dish on their favourite vigilante features

Richard: Mark, even though the ads guaranteed I would believe a man could fly, I'm not sure that my fifteen-year-old self actually thought Christopher Reeve was circling the earth in Superman: The Movie, but I do know I thought it was cool. And still do. I've seen it dozens of times and its blend of humour, action and nostalgia is worth its weight in Kryptonite.

Mark: The first Superman movie was the platinum standard in superhero films: graceful, even poetic. The sequels ruined its goodwill, but the quality of the original cannot be denied. But I think the world can be divided into two kinds of people: Superman people and Batman people, and I, Richard, seem to be a Batman person. Even the weakest in the Batman franchise still enthralls me; if we're talking about Christopher Nolan's The Dark Knight, we may be talking Godfather-level cinema.

RC: Of the big name superheroes we haven't mentioned Spider-Man yet. I liked the first Sam Raimi web slinger movie, complete with Tobey Maguire and the upside down kiss, but even cooler is Darkman. Raimi created the Darkman character out of frustration after failing to get the screen rights to The Shadow and Batman. Liam Neeson plays the swashbuckling hero in this violent and funny movie.

MB: Darkman is a dark horse entry, but yes, it's a good one and Neeson is fantastic in it. Wish I could share your enthusiasm for Spider-Man but I spent the entire movie wishing the dweeb would grow a pair. More like Spider-Boy to me. The series I prefer is the X-Men franchise, which seems to get more sophisticated with each release. And the Wolverine spin-off is a definite fave.

RC: I liked Wolverine's R-rated cameo in X-Men: First Class. Cool, underrated movie and his unfit-for-publication-in-a-family-paper-line is very memorable. Also memorable are a few movies about a lesser tier of superheroes. Everyone knows Batman and Superman, but how about Captain Invisible, the alcoholic hero who comes out of hiding to save America from destruction? Or the strange and funny Orgazmo from the twisted minds of South Park's Matt Stone and Trey Parker?

MB: And what about the lonely comic book superheroes never immortalized on film? When, oh when, will they make that masterpiece starring The Flash??? The scene where he'd do his taxes in three seconds flat would be worth the price of admission!

Synopsis

Lately it seems you couldn't swing Thor's hammer in a theatre without hitting a superhero movie, like this weekend's The Avengers, but movies about caped crusaders and heroes who can leap buildings in a single bound are nothing new. This week the Reel Guys use their superhuman powers to pick the best superhero movies of all time.

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Scene in brief

D'Angelo sparkles

D'Angelo is making his comeback: the reclusive singer will give his first U.S. performance in 10 years at the 2012 Essence Music Festival. D'Angelo will perform during the festival's opening night. It runs from July 6 to July 8 in New Orleans and also features Trey Songz, Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige and many others. The soul singer's latest album is 2000's Voodoo. It went platinum and won two Grammy Awards, including best R&B album. His debut, 1995's Brown Sugar, was also a platinum effort. Since that, D'Angelo has stepped away from the music scene, drawing attention for his run-ins with the law.
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On the web

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Action

The Avengers

Director. Joss Whedon

Stars. Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson

Great comic book movies, like great comic books, have to play their heroes and villains straight. The stakes have to be high and in the case of Marvel's The Avengers, the fate of the planet literally hangs in the balance. The humour is innately there (a bunch of costumed superheroes hanging out together is already absurd) but in director Joss Whedon's mammoth budgeted blockbuster, the humour is of the nudging, winking variety, almost as if Whedon is trying to convince the audience that he's smarter than the material. It's an obnoxious trait that bogs down what could have been a perfect mash up.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Comedy

Damsels in Distress

Director. Whit Stillman

Stars. Greta Gerwig, Analeigh Tipton, Carrie MacLemore, Megalyn Echikunwoke

Damsels in Distress is fresh and fun ... for about 45 minutes. And then the novelty fades. Violet (Gerwig) and her well-meaning friends, Heather (MacLemore) and Rose (Echikunwoke), live to reform the dull, unhygienic men who dominate their college campus. Though Damsels features some clever dialogue and quirky characters, it lacks an engaging narrative and ultimately leaves you wondering, Why am I watching?

REGAN REID

Quoted

"It did actually really scare me to step into this world and I didn't know that I could pull it off. It took some convincing from people like (co-star) Robert (Downey Jr.) and Joss. The thing that I was always worried about was just getting pigeon-holed by a big part like this. But now I'm at a point where I have a big enough body of work where this isn't going to make me or break me, really. It'll help, in a lot of ways."

Mark Ruffalo, talking about stepping into the role of the Hulk in The Avengers.

Cepero dishes on the biggest swindler in showbiz — Ellis

Smash. Ambition and a taste for the finer things in life drives villainous character

T. MICHELLE MURPHY
Metro World News in New York

Jaime Cepero has had fun shaping the character of Ellis. HANDOUT

"By the end of this season, the Ellis gun goes off," Jaime Cepero tells us about his deliciously villainous character on NBC's Smash. We interviewed him to find out more about everyone's favourite showbiz swindler.

So despite all the grief we give him in our recaps, Ellis is one of our favourite characters on Smash. And he gets some of the best storylines on the show. Do you agree?

Yeah, absolutely. I think the most exciting thing about this character for me, as an actor, was that he's really undefined as you go into the series. It sets the platform to kind of go anywhere I want, in as far as storyline. And it's been really interesting to watch him grow and get a new script each week and see where this kid is going. A lot of the other characters are very defined when you go into the series, and he's very special in that sense.

He's also painted as a villain — but do you think he accurately represents a certain type of person in show business?

I've definitely met some Ellises in my day! I think that's why there's such a strong reaction to the character, because no matter what business you're in — whether you're in theatre or anywhere — you know this person. We all know an Ellis who's overly ambitious, and really brown-nosing the boss, and kind of slips up under your radar. I think that's why people are really responding in such a [strong] way, because we all know this person.

We know Ellis is ambitious, but why? What's his driving factor?

I think as the series goes on, you kind of get more definition about why he is so ambitious. He starts working for Tom and Julia at first, and he's working for people of this caliber, and he's very intrigued by this world he's working in. He's getting to see how these people are treated and how much money they're making — he sees all the facts, because he's the assistant, he sees all the numbers. I think he gets a taste of this world, he gets a taste of these lavish parties, and he wants it for himself because he's never had it before. That's very attractive for him. By all means necessary, he's going to pursue those things for himself.

Is producing his passion, or is he going to try to make his way onstage?

He kind of makes a decision about choosing production as the way to go. I think that stems from his ambition, from watching behind the scenes, from being behind the table and watching how the actors are being treated and the drama he's seeing on the side. I think he decides producing is the way to go to be in a position with the most power.

What is his biggest weakness?

Probably the blindness of his ambition. He's just kind of doing whatever it takes – but he brashly makes decisions sometimes without thinking about them, which sometimes works in his favor and sometimes not. It's his biggest asset and his biggest weakness – how much cojones he has, but also how little he thinks.

Do you relate to those characteristics?

Jaime and Ellis are very different people. I would say that I definitely admire his ambition. If I had as much ambition as my character does, in real life, I'd probably be in a very different spot. It's really shocking to get the script and be like, "Oh wow, this kid is not playing games. He really wants this badly." It's admirable to me, because it's rare.

What do we have to look forward to as the season comes to a close?

The next couple of episodes are pretty intense. There's a lot of conflict between a lot of the characters leading up to Episode 15. The show's been appropriately called "Bombshell," because the next couple of episodes are a bombshell.

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Legend of a Warrior: Doc captures father and son reunion in the ring

Hot Docs. Filmmaker sets to reconnect with his estranged martial-arts-legend father

Forged in a harsh Hong Kong ghetto, Frank Lee came to Canada in 1960 and worked overnights at the rough-and-tumble Phoenix Cafe in Edmonton.

He was a waiter/busboy/bouncer and, as miscreants soon found out, a very talented martial artist. When trouble started, he ended it. Tough as nails, the five-foot-seven, 155-pounder never lost a fight.

He went on to become a martial arts grandmaster out of the Edmonton gym dubbed Frank's Torture Chamber. And trained champions half a world away in Thailand and Hong Kong. Along the way, his family drifted apart.

So son Corey — a filmmaker — set about to reconnect. In 2011, he started training under his father, returning to the martial arts he had abandoned more than two decades before.

"He is my father. But I don't really know the man. I only know the legend," Corey says early on in Legend of a Warrior, which had its world premiere at the Hot Docs festival in Toronto this week.

Cameras captured their time together over some seven months. "I was hoping for some level of healing and some level of understanding," Corey, now 42, said in an interview this week.

He got that and more in an emotional journey that is lovingly captured in the 78-minute documentary.

The National Film Board project starts as a guarded father-son reunion in the ring at Frank's gym. But emotional walls are torn down during a trip to Hong Kong, where Frank first studied martial arts after leaving China with his family at the age of nine.

Tears flow as Frank rereads a letter he sent Corey from Hong Kong in February 1983 on yet another training mission that had taken him from his family. The man who can bend rebar with his neck or break cinder blocks with his hands cries as he laments the breakup of his family.

In talking about the scene, Corey is clearly wearing two hats as filmmaker and son.

"I was thankful that we got it on film, for sure," he said. "And I think I was just incredibly humbled by my father's honesty with me ... I hoped after reading that letter that it would inspire him to open up to me in a way. But I wouldn't have imagined that it would have been like that."

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"I was hoping for some level of healing and some level of understanding."

Corey Lee, on the emotional journey captured in his documentary

Filmmaker Corey Lee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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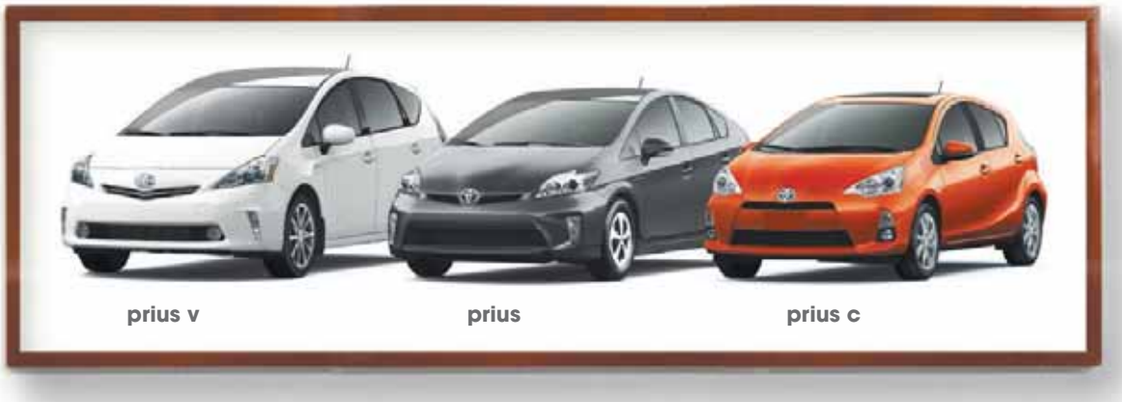

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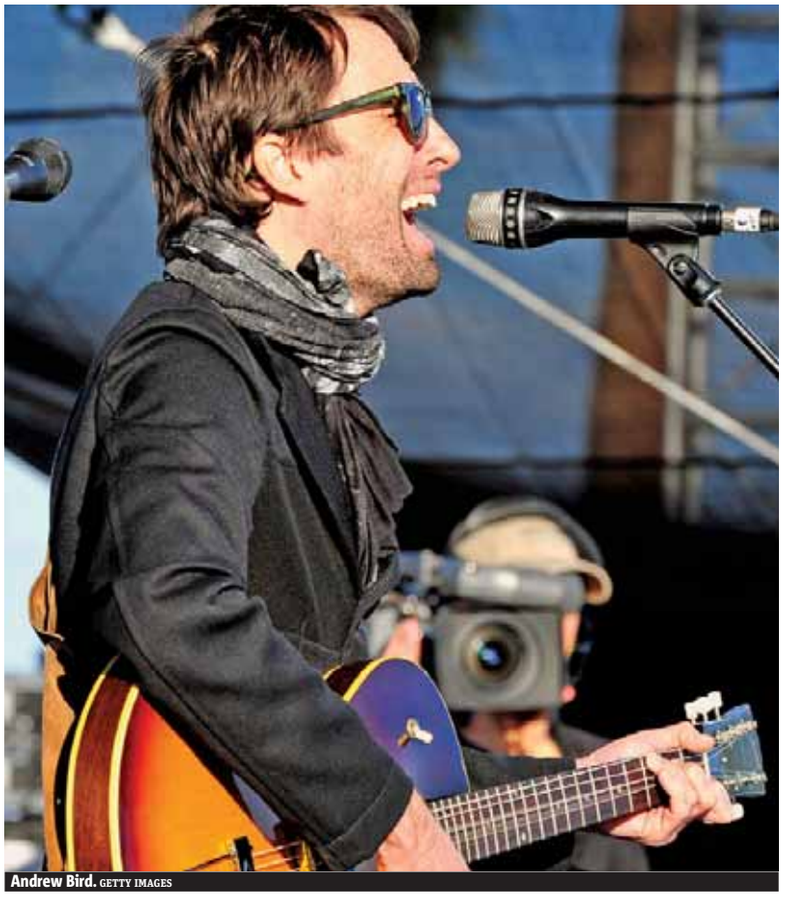

Andrew Bird. GETTY IMAGES

Andrew Bird breaks through with Break It Yourself album

New music. Latest songs plot songwriter's trajectory from a breakup in Chicago to a new life in New York

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

One week after Andrew Bird filmed an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live! in Los Angeles, the singer-songwriter and violinist is back home in New York with his segment due to air that night.

Apart from Saturday Night Live, Bird has done just about all the late night TV shows. "Colbert was a high point," he says, admitting he's a big Stephen Colbert fan. He's confident that SNL will happen "in due time."

And Bird is due. Break It Yourself has just been released.

"I call it my ninth album," Bird says. "It's the ninth album that's had a cycle to it. There's been a live record and soundtracks. If you count them all up, there's probably 15 or 16."

That includes his pre-solo outfit Andrew Bird's Bowl of Fire, which highlighted the 38-year-old's love of pre-war jazz before his singer-songwriter turn. Bird's future work, however, might take yet another musical twist.

"I continue to write songs that make sense as an Andrew Bird record, but I hear things that I don't know how to pull off yet. All I can say is what I am hearing is less pop-oriented and more devotional or religious. Not religious in the sense of 'Jesus I love you,'" he emphasizes.

The antisocial network

Andrew Bird is a Chicago native, but has called New York City home for almost two years. Break It Yourself plots his trajectory from a breakup to a new life there.

"I don't tend to write songs where there's any mention of breaking any hearts ... A lot of New Yorkers are experts at that. I'm puzzling through whether that's a virtue, not needing anyone else. I've got my own solitary, antisocial leanings. I'm kind of questioning those on the record."

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Long time since Jessie's Girl — but Rick keeps rockin'

Rick Springfield. At 61, the '80s star won't do reality TV, but he is writing a series that he hopes to play the lead in

Rocker and former soap heart-throb Rick Springfield says he's angling to return to the small screen and is writing an edgy dramatic series in which he hopes to star.

The Australian-born '80s singer says he's been working on several TV scripts ever since he wrote a tell-all book that was released in 2010.

Springfield says he'd like to do a lot more acting after recent cameos that included the raunchy specialty series Californication, the geriatric sitcom Hot in Cleveland and a brief return to General Hospital where he reprised his role as the hunky Dr. Noah Drake.

So far, Springfield says most of his offers come from reality television but he's sworn off the genre.

"I've been offered those so many friggin' times," Springfield said during a recent stop in Toronto for the Canadian International Documentary Festival. "And (I'll) never (do) Dancing With the Stars. My wife said she'd divorce me if I ever did that. They ask me every year."

The 61-year-old still performs between 70 and 100 concerts a year and is gearing up to release a new album in the fall.

At the core of his fanbase is a group of ardent followers who trace their devotion to the early '80s, when Springfield broke onto the charts with his infectious smash Jessie's Girl.

Their unwavering loyalty — and sometimes-disturbing devotion — is the focus of the documentary An Affair of the Heart, which had its Canadian premiere at the Hot Docs festival earlier this week.

Amid plenty of concert footage, interviews and nostalgic looks back at Springfield's heydays, director Sylvia Caminer tracks down several "Rick-a-holics" and traces the myriad ways in which they connect with his music and have even managed to bond with the star himself.

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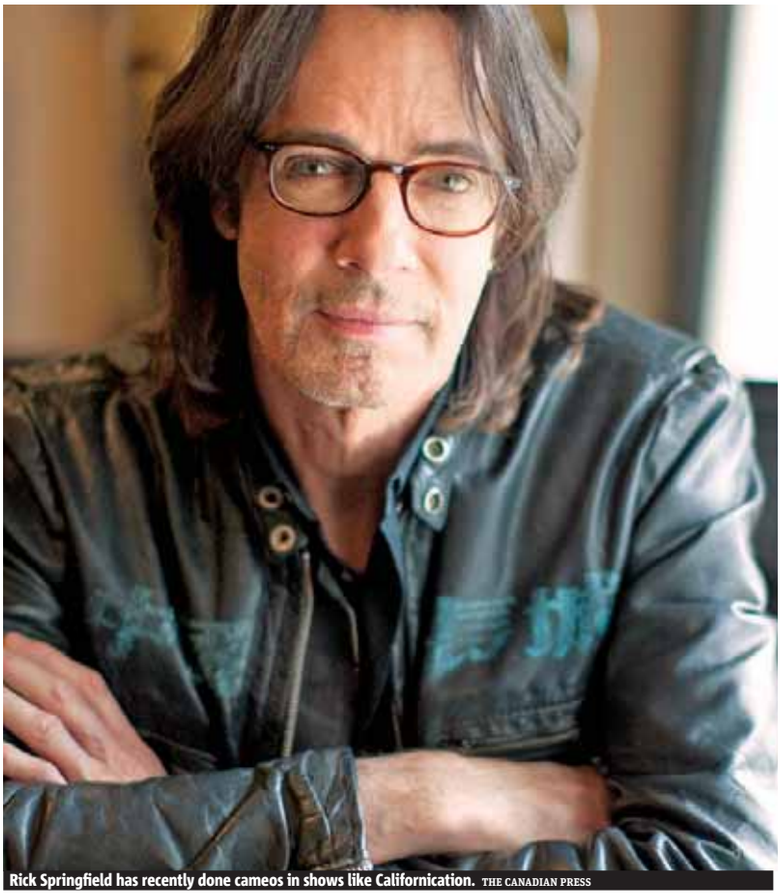
Addicted to Rick:

"People like me have an addiction to Rick Springfield."

Fan quoted in a documentary, comparing her love for the rocker to cocaine.



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40 Days at Base Camp (PG) Fri-Sat 7
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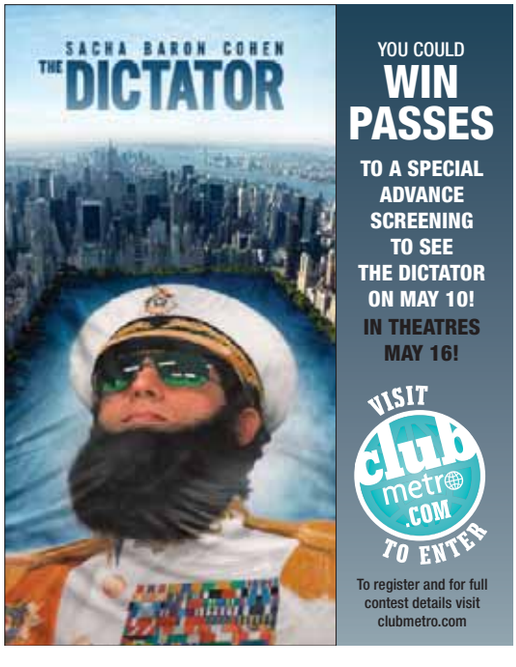

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Friday

All about Bruce

Bruce Cockburn: Pacing The Cage, debuting tonight, follows the legendary Canadian folk singer-songwriter as he tours and records his live Slice O' Life CD. Cameras also go into his home, where Cockburn discusses everything from his activism to religion and parenthood. Included is never-before-seen concert footage and appearances by a slew of stars, including Bono. (VisionTV).

Rashida traces her ancestry

Parks and Recreation cast member Rashida Jones researches her maternal family history on Who Do You Think You Are? Her journey takes her to her grandmother's native country, Ireland, where she learns about her family's origins in Eastern Europe. (Citytv, NBC).

Saturday

Eli set to go live from New York

Fans of both Saturday Night Live and football are buzzing over whether Eli Manning, the New York Giants quarterback and two-time Super Bowl champion, will score a touchdown or fumble as Saturday's host. The musical guest is Rihanna. (Global, NBC).

Rihanna is the musical guest on this weekend's Saturday Night Live. GETTY IMAGES

No holds Barr-ed for Roseanne

Roseanne Barr: Blonde and Bitchin' sees the comedy star wisecracking on everything from the time her kids found her "stash," to Viagra users, to former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney. (The Comedy Network).

Sunday

Plenty of finales on deck

CTV has the season finales of The Amazing Race and GCB, where the Dallas drama queens get into trouble during a groundbreaking ceremony for Carlene's Christian condos in Mexico. Meanwhile, Amanda learns a secret about Ripp. (The Amazing Race also airs on CBS while GCB also airs on ABC).

Secret and surprise on Mad Men

Speaking of secrets, Mad Men's Peggy has kept one to herself for a while and it's starting to eat away at her. Elsewhere, Don gets a surprise and Pete helps a pal. (AMC).

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This label has legs

Arts & Crafts. The band that launched it all announced their retirement, but other acts on their label achieve far-reaching success

There's no scene like a broken scene:

"I used to always joke: If you want to start a music company, I highly recommend you do it with Broken Social Scene."

Jeffrey Remedios, Arts & Crafts co-founder, on the perks of working with a musical collective.

A gob-smacked Leslie Feist rose to accept her third Juno Award recently, the lofty artist of the year honour. Only a few minutes prior, a similarly stunned Dan Mangan walked across the stage to collect his second Juno trophy, for new artist of the year.

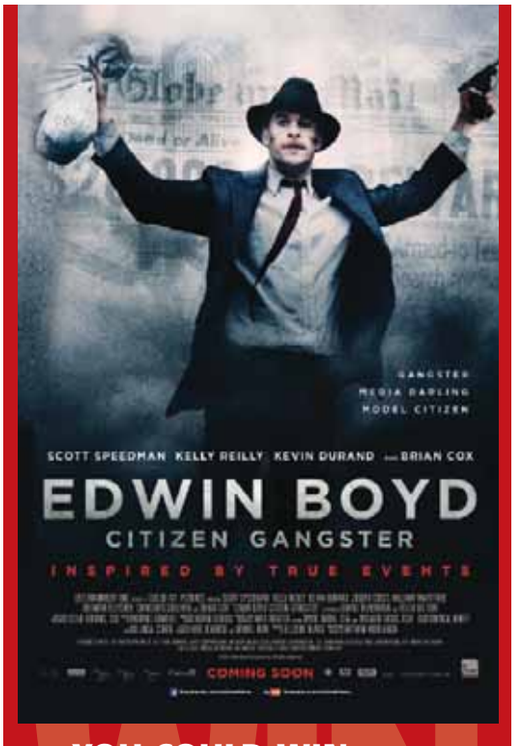
Mangan and Feist are labelmates on the Toronto indie Arts & Crafts, and their five wins that night represented a bountiful haul for an imprint that had lost its supposed meal ticket roughly six months prior.

That was when the groundbreaking collective Broken Social Scene announced via Twitter that its Nov. 8 show in Rio de Janeiro would be its last, with an indefinite hiatus to immediately follow. Once upon a time, a broken Broken could have spelled the end for Arts & Crafts, the label co-founded by that band's singer Kevin Drew and former Virgin Records executive Jeffrey Remedios.

But with a roughly 60-person cheering section toasting the label's success at the Junos, the end sure didn't appear in sight. And the moment was made only sweeter considering that one of Arts & Crafts' greatest victories yet occurred with its defining act confined to the sidelines.

"It really made us feel like, 'OK, we kind of bleed in the trenches every day and it's nice to see that people are recognizing the work of these great artists,"' Remedios said in a recent telephone interview of the Juno acclaim.

Arts & Crafts was born just under 10 years ago. Drew and rock veteran Brendan Canning — an erstwhile member of hHead and By Divine Right — had invited Remedios to listen to a near-finished cut of the second disc they'd been working on under the Broken Social Scene banner, this time with help from a broad collection of friends. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Jack White taps into a blue vein on solo album

New music. White's first solo album Blunderbuss blends electronic rages, country blues and rockabilly

Jack White's first solo album debuted at number one on the Billboard charts. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jack White is musing on his latest colour scheme.

"What if blues musicians like Robert Johnson and Blind Willie McTell actually wore blue clothes?" White wonders, laughing.

The former White Stripe has bathed his first solo album, Blunderbuss, with a pale blue palette. It informs the album artwork, the touring stage presentation and the outfits of his backing band, which alternates between all-male and all-female lineups.

Since he was a teenage upholsterer in Detroit, White has carefully colour-coordinated his work. While recording Blunderbuss in his studio in Nashville, Tenn., White played with a pale blue telecaster and an old pale blue amplifier.

"I said, 'Well, these are my hand tools. It's all going to build up from this,'" says White.

The resulting 13 tracks may be the best compendium yet of his particular blend of American music. There's electric rages (Sixteen Saltines), country blues (Trash Tongue Talker), rockabilly (Rudolph Toombs' I'm Shakin,' the lone cover) and folk ballads like the lilting Hip (Eponymous) Poor Boy.

After funneling his songwriting through various band conceptions — the White Stripes, the Raconteurs, the Dead Weather — White is directing his latest production without artifice. Or at least, less artifice.

Blunderbuss

Blunderbuss, which debuted on the Billboard album charts this week at No. 1 with about 138,000 copies sold, according to Nielsen SoundScan, was a particularly unplanned process.

- **In studio.** When the rapper RZA didn't make it to a scheduled session at White's studio, White decided to start working up some songs of his own. It wasn't until well into the process that those in the room — a collection of session musicians and others — understood the project taking shape.

"The funniest thing is that every album I've done and every band I've been in have been happy accidents, including this one," says White, speaking from his home in Nashville.

"If you just write songs and don't tell them what to be — don't tell the song to be a country song or a rock 'n' roll song — then it becomes what it needs to be in the end."

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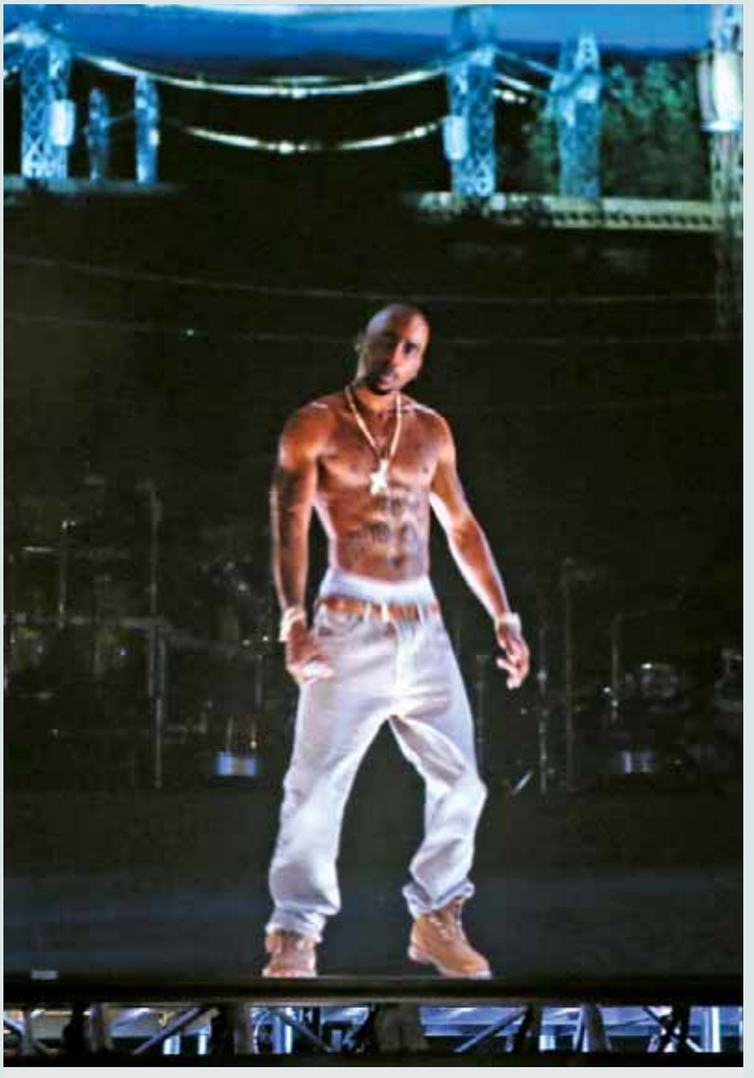
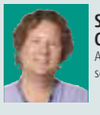


Tupac-style holograms: It was inevitable



SOUND CHECK
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Ever since Tupac's hologram resurrection at Coachella last month, people have been talking about the potential for this technology.

"Bring Michael Jackson back and the Jacksons can restage the Victory Tour of 1984!" they say.

The original line-up of The Who could do another farewell tour.

What would it be like to have Kurt Cobain and Jimi Hendrix in the same band at a show?

Reuters recently asked 1,100 people whom they would most like to see return from the dead.

The answer was Ray Charles.

Some critics find this most distressing and I understand that.

But we've been moving down this road towards virtual performers for decades.

When Queen released their Live Killers concert album in 1979, there was an outcry from purists who claimed that backing tapes were used to fill in some of the vocal parts.

Fans were shocked to find that live albums from many other artists were tarted up in the studio afterwards.

That's not very "live," is it?

Yet fans didn't care. After paying good money to see these bands, they wanted the songs to sound as close to what they heard on the radio and their stereos.

A few years later, the Human League was kicked off a Talking Heads tour because audiences became so hostile at the sight of a bunch of people dancing and singing to machines. Synth bands in general were shunned by rockers who believed that these artists were cheating by using electronics, and thus not "real" musicians.

But people got over it.

Synth bands not only survived but prospered.

Today, fans expect pitch-perfect note-for-note renditions of their favourite songs in concert and (where applicable) all kinds of dancing, special effects and costume changes.

The only way to do that is with Auto-Tune and backing tracks.

Meanwhile, fans watch most of the show on big video screens rather than watching the stage. Again, what's "live?"

Gorillaz sold millions of records as a virtual group.

Same with Canada's Prozzak. Hatsune Miku is an anime cartoon who performs with a live band in front of tens of thousands of screaming fans in Japanese arenas.

We live in a computer generated imagery world where technology blurs reality on TV screens, in theatres, in amusement parks and on computers.

Why wouldn't this be extended to the realm of live concerts?

Besides, don't we believe that all celebrities are fake, anyway?

Fighting myths of growing up in LGBT family

My Two Moms.
20-year-old shares story of being raised by lesbian parents, dedicates book to sister

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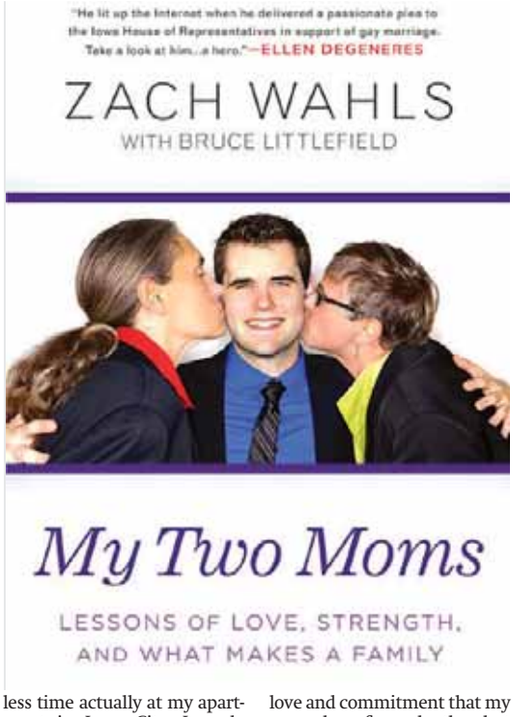
"He lit up the Internet when he delivered a passionate plea to the Iowa House of Representatives in support of gay marriage. Take a look at him...a hero."—ELLEN DEGENERES
ZACH WAHLS
WITH BRUCE LITTLEFIELD
My Two Moms
LESSONS OF LOVE, STRENGTH, AND WHAT MAKES A FAMILY

Zach Wahls lit up YouTube last year with his speech to the Iowa House Judiciary Committee in favor of same-sex marriage. Wahls is understandably passionate about the issue: He was raised in Iowa, with his biological sister, by a lesbian couple.

His powerful conclusion that "the sexual orientation of my parents has had zero effect on the content of my character" drew legions of supporters and fans, and the now-20-year-old is sharing his experiences in a new book, "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family" (out Thursday). He spoke with Metro about his journey thus far.

How did your speech in front of the Iowa House of Representatives come about?

In 2009, I was the columns editor for my high school newspaper. That spring the Supreme Court rules in this unanimous decision in Iowa to legalize same-sex marriage. I was really happy about that, so I wrote a column that was noticed by the law firm that had litigated Varnum v. Brien, the lawsuit that resulted in the legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I met the communications director, and I didn't hear from her for a year.

Then, all of a sudden, I got a Facebook message, an email and a phone call on a Thursday afternoon saying, "There's this hearing on Monday, can you make it?" So I wrote my testimony over the weekend and then showed up on Monday night. By Wednesday, the video was starting to blow up. By Friday, the video was on its way to becoming the No. 1 YouTube political video of 2011. I still have difficulty wrapping my head around the whole thing sometimes.

Is your life much different now?

It is and it isn't. I spend a lot less time actually at my apartment in Iowa City. I made some new friends, but I'm still hanging out with the same guys, doing the same things. In some ways things are different, but in the majority of ways that matter most, they're the same.

Ellen DeGeneres called you a hero when you appeared on her show. How did that feel?

It's a label that makes me kind of uncomfortable sometimes, but I think more to the point, it's a testament to the values that my moms instilled in me and the effort they put in to raise my sister and me. I feel incredibly blessed to have the parents I have.

Has your father, with whom you don't have a relationship, reached out to you since all this has happened?

He was an anonymous sperm donor. We don't have any idea who he is — he doesn't even know that we exist.

I think it would certainly be interesting to meet him and learn more about him, but I don't have any interest in seeking him out.

What do you hope readers take away from this book?

I hope people understand the love and commitment that my moms have for each other, but also the love and commitment that binds us as a family. My hope is that this book is able to serve as a reminder that we are more alike than different.

Why did you dedicate the book to your younger sister, Zebby?

I wanted her to know just how much she means to me and how important it was for me to have her along for the ride. But then also, more metaphorically, she's one of the kids that I'm trying to talk to with this book.

The reason I decided to write the book was because I think that there is misinformation, so many myths and stereotypes being perpetuated by some people, that other young kids who have LGBT parents need to know — that despite what some of the talking heads on TV might say, they aren't damaged goods or child abuse victims or brainwashed or whatever.

And that's an important message I think to hear from one of us. Your parents are not gonna be the most unbiased forces, so I think having one of our own stand up and speak this truth, the power is really important.

New Girl's creator builds TV's new Fempire

Liz Meriwether.
Woman behind series talks about how new female perspectives are being sought by television networks

"Hey girl," sings Zooey Deschanel each week at the start of her popular Fox comedy New Girl.

"It's Jess," goes the song, referring to Deschanel's adorably loopy lead character. But the song could just as easily be sung about the woman behind the series, screenwriter and executive producer Liz Meriwether.

The 30-year-old, who grew up in Michigan (her father was the publisher of The Detroit Free Press), looks even younger. And, yes, she gets that "looks younger" thing all the time.

"I do, I do, thank God," she says. "Better that then, 'Oh, you look 40.'" Especially in the world of television, where youth is coveted as much by network executives as it is by advertisers.

What's changing is how much a female perspective is also now being sought. New Girl, along with 2 Broke Girls, Whitney, Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23 and HBO's Girls, are current comedies created by and exploring the lives of young women.

"I really feel we're in a moment when they are embracing that perspective," Meriwether says of today's network programming executives. "I don't know what's in the air — Bridesmaids or something — but I did not have trouble protecting the character and really writing what I wanted to write."

Meriwether is seen as part of the Fempire, a group of young, female screenwriters crashing what for years has been a boy's club. Diablo Cody (Juno) and Lorene Scafaria (Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist) are established players in that group, but Whitney, 2 Broke Girls creator Whitney Cummings and Girls creator and star Lena Dunham are also at TV's female forefront.

Behind her breezy manner lies an Ivy league education. Meriwether holds degrees from both Yale and Princeton. "I'm a big nerd," she confesses.

Before penning the pilot for New Girl, Meriwether wrote several stage plays, including Oliver Parker! And her 2011 romantic comedy feature No Strings Attached starred Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman.

"I like to write relationship stories and sexual stories," she says, singling out the New Girl episode where Jess finally has sex with her on-again, off-again ex, Paul (guest star Justin Long).

"That's the kind of thing I want to explore, the awkward connections she's making in the world."

Fox wasn't quite ready to go down that route a few years ago when Meriwether pitched her first sitcom to the network. "It was about three girls, a young, 'Sex and the City' type story," she says, recalling lots of questions from network executives, such as, 'If they like to have sex, are they, like, smart?'"

That show's title probably didn't help to close the deal: Sluts. Even New Girl started out with a more provocative title: Chicks and Sticks.

Meriwether says she's ever fascinated with the interplay between men and women, explored each week by Jess.

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New Girl's star Zooey Deschanel and creator Liz Meriwether. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cut it out Cameron, it's just some hair

A recent rushed visit to a hairdresser friend left Cameron Diaz with much shorter locks than expected — and tears in her eyes.

"I started crying. I felt so vulnerable. For a woman to all of a sudden have no hair — oh my God," she tells Jay Leno during an interview. "There was a little misunderstanding. I said I just want a little bit cut off."

But a bit quickly turned into a bob, which turned traumatic for all involved.

"She started crying. I started crying. A couple other people started crying. I ended up writing her a few emails over the next few days assuring her I was OK," Diaz says.

Amber Riley

Amber Riley strikes back

Let's hear it for Glee star Amber Riley. After a red carpet fainting spell earlier in the week, she's on the (hilarious) defensive about her personal life — including whether or not she's expecting.

"Let me stop the rumour mill right now. I'm not pregnant. Yes, I'm black but I don't have diabetes, I don't starve myself to fit clothes; I buy clothes to fit me not vice versa," Riley posted to Twitter in response to the rumours that sprouted up overnight after her episode.

"I did get a great laugh this morning reading all the BS, though."

Miley makes a dog Happy

Miley Cyrus added a fourth dog to her pet roster after finding a Rottweiler-Beagle mix abandoned outside a shopping centre, she revealed on Twitter.

"He was left in a box in front of Walmart," Cyrus posted. "I don't understand how people can be so cruel. That's why we named him Happy."

Cyrus spent the rest of the day posting photos of Happy enjoying his new environment.

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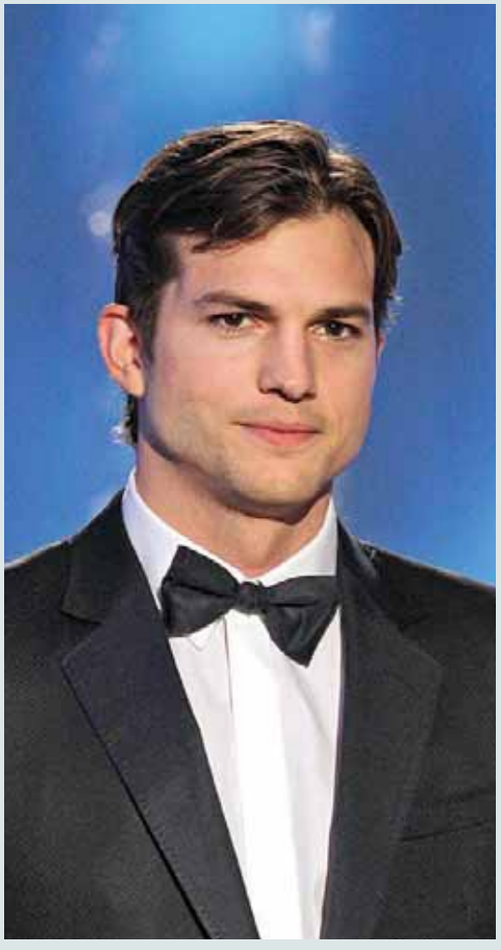

Seriously Ashton, that's just plain racist

THE WORD
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Poor Popchips. They just wanted to get people to eat their unique snack food (a.k.a. communion wafers with salt) but their recent online ad campaign is backfiring spectacularly.

The face of the campaign, Ashton Kutcher, is currently facing criticism for his roles in the commercials that many feel are racist, according to E! News. In the online video, Kutcher appears as numerous ridiculous characters, including Raj, a brown-faced Bollywood producer with a thick Indian accent. (Kutcher also appears as a character sending up Karl Lagerfeld that could be construed as homophobic.)

Overwhelmingly negative responses to the advertisement prompted Popchips to remove it from YouTube and Facebook a day after it was released.

"The new Popchips worldwide dating video and ad campaign featuring four characters was created to provoke a few laughs and was never intended to stereotype or offend anyone," a company rep said in a statement to the Hollywood Reporter.

Here's the thing someone should have told Popchips: Kutcher can't act. At all. His version of "acting" is basically over the top parody — all the time. So when he gets tapped to portray someone of a different race, even in a comedic role, of course it will be seen as mockery/racism. The only actor who could tackle this without getting in trouble? Sir Ben Kingsley. Popchips, get that guy on the phone ASAP.

Lady Gaga. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga single again

Lady Gaga and boyfriend Taylor Kinney have reportedly called it quits, with the culprit being the singer's hectic schedule, according to Us Weekly.

"She will be touring nonstop until next year and has found she can't have a relationship at the same time," a source says of Gaga, who is about to embark on a 110-stop tour.

"There's just no room for anything else. Her work is all-consuming." Of course, to hear the source tell it, the relationship might not have lasted much longer on its own, anyway. "Taylor was all about himself, a typical actor, and didn't completely get Gaga," the source says.

Brangelina makes some time just for the kids

After Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated their engagement with a trip to the Galapagos Islands, it was clearly time for something just for the kids.

So the family of eight — in the U.K. to start work on Jolie's next film — headed to the Legoland amusement park this week, according to Us Weekly. The park is apparently high on the list of destinations for the globe-trotting family — it's the fifth time they've visited.

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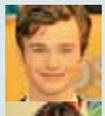

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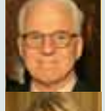

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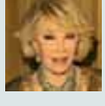

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Congratulations to Jessica Simpson on the birth of her baby girl! The only downside is that when her water broke 200 patients drowned.

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History

Celebration

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Celebrations include not only wonderful Mexican foods, but also parades, mariachi music and folk dancing.

Traditional Mexican cuisine varies vastly from region to region in Mexico.

The earliest Mexican agricultural staples were beans, squash and chili peppers, with corn arriving some 2,000 years later. Staples expanded to include avocados, coconuts, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, chia seeds, and more varieties of beans.

The herb of choice was usually epazote, similar to cilantro in its strong, pungent flavours. Meanwhile, meats included turkeys, ducks, quail, peccaries, pigeons, and a wide variety of fish and shellfish.

Early traditional dishes included atole (porridge), tortilla, tamales (filled pastries, both savory and sweet) and soups. The cuisine has expanded to include a wide variety of dishes way beyond burritos, tacos and salsa.

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On the web

Cinco de Mayo goes sweet with recipe for Mexican chocolate honey cake

Liquid Assets

Cool caliente bites with fresh Corona

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I've had a long standing respect for tequila, but the distilled output of agave plants is by no means the only booze stamped "Made in Mexico".

With Cinco de Mayo celebrations a day away and Salma Hayek shilling for Burger King, south of the border (the American one at least) things are heating up.

Sadly, the country's superstar brand — Corona Extra (6x330 ml, $12.95 - $14.09) — gets a bum rap from beer aficionados thanks to its lean-bodied flavour and clear glass bottle (which fanatics swear allows natural light to affect its flavour).

Whatever you believe, Corona is a great beer to have with any food that's eclectic — especially if it's spicy.

Of course, the last thing I would do is allow a bartender to jam a wedge of lime into any Corona bottle I've ordered. They may seem to go together like Brad and Angelina but the union of lime and liquid really began as a way to keep flies out of an opened bottle. It turns out that the acidity in the citrus makes them bug off.

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Cinco de Mayo gets a splash of vibrant colour

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carne Asada with Confetti Salsa. The combination of fruity salsa & marinated meat makes this the perfect Mexican meal

The more time the sirloin tips bathe in this recipe's punchy marinade of lime juice, Worcestershire sauce and garlic, the better. So while it calls for marinating the meat for about two hours, don't hesitate to toss them in as you head out to work in the morning. You'll be rewarded when you get home and crank up the grill.

To save time, you could substitute a mango or other fruity jarred salsa for the one made as part of this recipe. If you have time, this salsa is a chunky hodge-podge of bell pepper, tomatillos, avocado, mango, tomato and red onion, with a bit of heat from a chipotle chili in adobo.

1. In a large zip-close bag, combine the sirloin tips, lime juice, salt, Worcestershire sauce, olive oil, black pepper and garlic cloves. Shake to coat the meat. Refrigerate for two hours.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine the bell pepper, tomatillos, avocado, mango, tomato, red onion, chipotle, adobo sauce, garlic, lime juice and cilantro. Stir well, then season with salt and black pepper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving.

3. When ready to cook the steak, heat a grill to high.

4. Drain the meat, discarding the marinade. Use paper towels to pat the meat dry. Sear on the grill, about four minutes per side for medium-rare. Serve with the confetti salsa.

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Ingredients

For the meat:
- 2 pounds sirloin tips
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed

For the salsa:
- 1 yellow pepper, cored, diced
- 3 tomatillos, diced
- 1 avocado, pitted and diced
- 1 mango, pitted and diced
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 chipotle in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 tbsp adobo sauce
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and ground black pepper

Mole Chicken Enchiladas. Made easy

1. In blender, combine onion, garlic, almond butter, water, broth, tomatoes, bread, hot sauce, cocoa powder, chili powder, cumin, cinnamon and lime juice. Blend until smooth, then transfer to sauté pan. Bring to simmer over medium heat, stirring often, and cook for eight minutes. Taste, then season with salt and pepper.

2. Add chicken to pan and stir well. Return to simmer and cook just until heated through.

3. Wrap tortillas in damp paper towel, then microwave for 20 seconds, or until tender.

4. One at a time, spoon some of the mole chicken filling down the centre of each tortilla. Roll, then arrange on a serving platter. Repeat with remaining tortillas and filling. Spoon a bit more of the filling over the rolled enchiladas, then crumble the queso blanco over them.

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This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 small onion, quartered
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup almond butter
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 slice soft sandwich bread
- 1 tbsp hot sauce
- 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp ancho chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt and black pepper
- Meat from a 2-lb rotisserie chicken, pulled into bite-size pieces
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1/2 cup crumbled queso blanco cheese (shredded cheddar can be substituted)

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Devils deliver in New Jersey

NHL. Overtime win puts New Jersey into driver's seat vs. Flyers

Game 3

Devils	Flyers
4	3

Alexei Ponikarovsky scored on his own rebound with 2:39 left in overtime and the New Jersey Devils defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 Thursday night to take a 2-1 lead in this Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Patrik Elias, Ilya Kovalchuk and Zach Parise also scored for the Devils, who killed off two penalties in overtime before Ponikarovsky came through with his first goal of the post-season on a backhander that sneaked past Ilya Bryzgalov.

Martin Brodeur made 25 saves for New Jersey, which will look to take a 3-1 lead in the series on Sunday.

Kovalchuk, who missed Game 2 with a lower-body injury, also had two assists in his return, including one on the game winner. Danny Briere, Matt Carle and Brayden Schenn tallied for the Flyers. Bryzgalov had 27 saves.

Schenn nearly won the game eight minutes into overtime with a deflection in front, and then the Devils' penalty kill did an outstanding job after a controversial boarding call against Dainius Zubrus with 11:37 left in the overtime and a delay-of-game penalty against Bryce Salvador. New Jersey had problems with its short-handed lines in Round 1 vs. Florida, but the unit that was ranked No. 1 in the regular season appears to have regained its form.

The Devils seemed on the verge of a 3-2 win early in the third when Parise rammed a puck into the net from in close after Elias won a loose puck behind the net and found the Devils' captain all alone at the right goal post.

Kovalchuk came within inches of making it a two-goal lead minutes later when he had a shot hit off the crossbar as Bryzgalov looked behind him.

Philadelphia tied the game on a gift from Brodeur. The Devils' goaltender could not control a weak shot from the outside of the left faceoff circle by James van Riemsdyk, and Briere chipped the rebound over his pads.

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Riders use No. 1 on Heenan as expected

Every time Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Brendan Taman looked for the top player in the 2012 CFL draft, he always returned to the one in his own backyard.

So when Taman decided to keep the first pick overall, he did the expected Thursday and used it on Saskatchewan Huskies offensive lineman Ben Heenan.

"The only way we weren't going to go that way was if we traded the pick and actually at two points we were getting pretty close to doing something.

The six-foot-four, 310-pound Heenan spent the season as the top-ranked draft prospect.

The B.C. Lions acquired the No. 2 selection from Edmonton and used it on Jabar Westerman, a defensive lineman from Eastern Michigan.

Edmonton took Austin Pasztor with the Lions' fourth overall pick, a six-foot-seven, 306-pound offensive lineman at Virginia. But they'll have to wait for the native of Langton, Ont., who signed a free-agent deal with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Quoted

"Now we can get back to focusing on the real part and that's football again."

Ben Heenan on being chosen by the Roughriders with the No. 1 pick.

The Calgary Stampeders, who also looked to move up to No. 2 or No. 3 for a shot at Westerman, used the fifth overall pick to take Montreal's Ameet Pall, a six-foot, 245-pound pass-rushing specialist who played at Wofford.

Edmonton followed at No. 6, taking Laurier receiver Shamawd Chambers, who will attend the Philadelphia Eagles' mini-camp. However, Chambers is expected to be back in Canada sometime this year and the speedy six-foot-three, 219-pound native of Markham, Ont., has definite big-play ability.

B.C. completed the opening round by shoring up its offensive line, adding Kirby Fabien, a six-foot-six, 295-pound Calgary native who played for the Calgary Dinos. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm sorry to say, Superman is dead. All of us can appear to be super, but all of us need to reach out and find support when we're hurting."

Shawn Mitchell, a chaplain for the San Diego Chargers, Junior Seau's former team. The San Diego County medical examiner's office ruled Seau's death a suicide on Thursday. The autopsy said Seau died of a gunshot wound to the chest. The medical examiner's office was awaiting a decision by the family Thursday on whether to turn over Seau's brain to unidentified outside researchers for study. Seau died Wednesday in his home in suburban Oceanside, Calif.

On the web

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal is set to start the storied Giro Italia this weekend as the team leader for Garmin-Barracuda. Hesjedal says the three-week long 3,503.9-kilometre race "can be harder" than the Tour de France. Scan the code for the story.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	18	8	.692	—
Baltimore	16	9	.640	1½
Toronto	14	11	.560	3½
New York	13	12	.520	4½
Boston	11	13	.458	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	10	.565	—
Detroit	12	12	.500	1½
Chicago	12	13	.480	2
Kansas City	8	16	.333	5½
Minnesota	6	18	.250	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	8	.680	—
Oakland	13	13	.500	4½
Seattle	11	16	.407	7
Los Angeles	10	15	.400	7

Yesterday's results
Cleveland 7 Chicago White Sox 5
Kansas City 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 4 Seattle 3
Toronto at L.A. Angels
Wednesday's results
Toronto 11 Texas 5
Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland 6 Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 3 Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 9 Minnesota 0
Oakland 4 Boston 2
Tampa Bay 5 Seattle 4
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 3-1) at Detroit (Smyly 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 3-0) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 2-0) at Boston (Lester 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (T.Ross 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Price 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-0) at Kansas City (B.Chen 0-3), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 1-2) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-5), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pavano 1-2) at Seattle (Vargas 3-2), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	16	9	.640	—
Atlanta	15	11	.577	1½
New York	13	12	.520	3
Philadelphia	13	13	.500	3½
Miami	11	14	.440	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	16	9	.640	—
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	3½
Houston	11	14	.440	5
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	5
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440	5
Chicago	9	16	.360	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	8	.680	—
Arizona	13	13	.500	4½
Colorado	12	12	.500	4½
San Francisco	12	13	.480	5
San Diego	9	17	.346	8½

Yesterday's results
Cincinnati 4 Chicago Cubs 3 (10 inn.)
Miami 3 San Francisco 2
Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 0
Pittsburgh 6 St. Louis 3
Washington 2 Arizona 1
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 15 Philadelphia 13 (11 inn.)
Chicago Cubs 3 Cincinnati 1
Colorado 8 L.A. Dodgers 5
Houston 8 N.Y. Mets 1
Miami 3 San Francisco 2 (10 inn.)
San Diego 5 Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 12 Pittsburgh 3
Washington 5 Arizona 4
Today's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Maholm 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 3-0) at Pittsburgh (Correia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-2) at Washington (Strasburg 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 3-0) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 4-0) at Houston (Harrell 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0) at Colorado (Moscoso 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 0-3) at San Diego (Bass 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 3-1) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-2), 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA BUDAPEST GRAND PRIX

At Budapest, Hungary
Singles — Quarter-finals
Sara Errani (1), Italy, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-4, 6-0.
Marina Erakovic (5), New Zealand, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.**, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

ATP-WTA ESTORIL OPEN

At Oeiras, Portugal
Men's Singles — Second Round
Juan Martin Del Potro (1), Argentina, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-1, 6-0.
Albert Ramos (4), Spain, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 7-5, 6-0.
Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Denis Istomin (5), Uzbekistan, 3-6, 6-3, 4-2 (retired).
Women's Singles — Quarter-finals
Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Nadia Petrova (7), Russia, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Kaia Kanepi (6), Estonia, def. Petra Cetkovcka (4), Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

CFL

2012 CANADIAN DRAFT

Top selections yesterday from the 2012 CFL draft (with team, player, position and school):
First Round
1. Saskatchewan, Ben Heenan, OL, Saskatchewan; 2. B.C. (via Edmonton and Toronto), Jabar Westerman, DL, Eastern Michigan; 3. Winnipeg (via Hamilton), Tyson Pencer, OL, Washington State; 4. Edmonton (via B.C. and Montreal), Austin Pasztor, OL, Virginia; 5. Calgary, Ameet Pall, DL, Wooford; 6. Edmonton, WR Shamawd Chambers, WR, Wilfrid Laurier; 7. B.C., Kirby Fabien, OL, Calgary.
Second Round
8. Hamilton (via Winnipeg and Saskatchewan), Courtney Stephen, DB, Northern Illinois; 9. Toronto, Cleyon Laing, DE, Iowa State; 10. Hamilton, Frederic Plesius, LB, Laval; 11. Montreal, Patrick Lavoie, RB, Laval; 12. Saskatchewan (via Calgary), Sam Hurl, LB, Calgary; 13. Hamilton (via Winnipeg), Carson Rockhill, OL, Calgary; 14. Edmonton (via B.C.), Justin Capicciotti, DL, Simon Fraser.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-1)
Wednesday's result
N.Y. Rangers 2 Washington 1 (3OT)
Tomorrow's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New Jersey leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 3 (OT)
Sunday's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
St. Louis at Los Angeles
Sunday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix leads series 2-1)
Wednesday's result
Nashville 2 Phoenix 0
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-Phoenix at Nashville, TBA
Friday, May 11
x-Nashville at Phoenix, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

DEVILS 4, FLYERS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Schenn 3 (Briere, Jagr) 6:08 (pp)
2. New Jersey, Elias 3 (Zidlicky, Kovalchuk) 12:33 (pp)
3. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 4 (Zajac, Ponikarovsky) 12:53
Penalties — Henrique NJ (tripping) 4:48, Coburn Pha (tripping) 12:09.
Second Period
4. Philadelphia, Carle 2 (Voracek, Hartnell) 4:44
Penalties — Larsson NJ (high-sticking) 9:54, Kovalchuk NJ (delay of game) 16:28, Schenn Pha (goaltender interference) 17:52.
Third Period
5. New Jersey, Parise 4 (Elias, Zidlicky) 7:29
6. Philadelphia, Briere 8 (van Riemsdyk, Simmonds) 11:04
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. New Jersey, Ponikarovsky 1 (Kovalchuk) 17:21
Penalties — Zubrus NJ (boarding) 8:23, Salvador NJ (delay of game) 12:29.
Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	7	9	6	6—28
New Jersey	14	4	7	6—31

Goal — Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,5-4); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 1-5; New Jersey: 1-2. **Attendance** — 17,625 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	7	8	15
Briere, Pha	7	3	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
D.Brown, LA	4	5	9
B.Richards, NYR	4	5	9
Voracek, Pha	2	7	9
Vermette, Phx	5	3	8
Zajac, NJ	5	3	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Parise, NJ	3	4	7
Gaborik, NYR	2	5	7
B.Schenn, Pha	2	5	7
Clarkson, NJ	1	6	7
Jagr, Pha	1	6	7
Yandle, Phx	0	7	7
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
Boedker, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Kopitar, LA	3	3	6
Kovalchuk, NJ	3	3	6
Ovechkin, Wash	3	3	6

Not including last night's games

GOLF

PGA WELLS FARGO

At Charlotte, N.C.
Par 72 (36-36)
First Round

Ryan Moore	32-33—65
Stewart Cink	31-34—65
Webb Simpson	31-34—65
Rickie Fowler	33-33—66
John Senden	32-34—66
D.A. Points	33-33—66
Brian Davis	31-35—66
Patrick Reed	32-34—66
Billy Mayfair	33-34—67
Brendon de Jonge	33-34—67
Brian Harman	34-33—67
Tommy Gainey	35-33—68
Kevin Stadler	34-34—68
Martin Flores	34-34—68
Seung-Yul Noh	36-32—68
Also	
David Hearn	**34-36—70**
Mike Weir	**35-36—71**
Stephen Ames	**37-37—74**

NATIONWIDE STADION CLASSIC

At Athens, Ga.
Par 71
First Round

Kent Jones	30-33—63
Lee Janzen	32-33—65
David Skinns	32-33—65
Brandon Brown	31-34—65
Doug LaBelle II	35-31—66
Jim Herman	34-32—66
Luke List	35-31—66
Chris Nallen	33-33—66
Hudson Swafford	33-33—66
Steve LeBrun	33-34—67
Aron Price	34-33—67
Woody Austin	33-34—67
Also	
Adam Hadwin	**33-37—70**
Matt McQuillan	**35-36—71**
Brad Fritsch	**37-34—71**
Ryan Yip	**35-39—74**
Richard Scott	**37-38—75**

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 109 Chicago 92
Tonight's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Miami 87 New York 70
Sunday's game
Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Indiana leads series 2-1)
Wednesday's result
Indiana 97 Orlando 74
Tomorrow's game
Indiana at Orlando, 2 p.m.
BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Boston 87 Atlanta 80
Tonight's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio leads series 2-0)
Wednesday's result
San Antonio 114 Utah 83
Tomorrow's game
San Antonio at Utah, 10 p.m.
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City at Dallas
Tomorrow's game
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0)
Tuesday's result
L.A. Lakers 104 Denver 100
Tonight's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Wednesday's result
Memphis 105 L.A. Clippers 98
Tomorrow's game
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 4:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

EAST DIVISION
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WEST DIVISION
Tomorrow's games
Minnesota at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	8	7	1	0	12	3	21
D.C. United	10	4	3	3	18	15	15
New York	8	4	3	1	18	14	13
New England	8	3	5	0	7	10	9
Chicago	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Houston	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Montreal	9	2	5	2	9	15	8
Philadelphia	7	2	4	1	5	8	7
Columbus	7	2	4	1	6	10	7
Toronto	7	0	7	0	6	16	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	9	7	1	1	20	9	22
Real Salt Lake	10	6	3	1	16	11	19
Seattle	7	5	1	1	10	3	16
Vancouver	8	4	2	2	7	6	14
Colorado	9	4	5	0	13	12	12
Dallas	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
Los Angeles	8	3	4	1	11	13	10
Chivas USA	8	3	5	0	4	9	9
Portland	8	2	5	1	9	13	7

Wednesday's results
New England 2 Colorado 1
Seattle 2 Los Angeles 0
San Jose 5 D.C. United 3
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Chivas USA, 11 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
D.C. United at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
New England at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m.

AMWAY CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

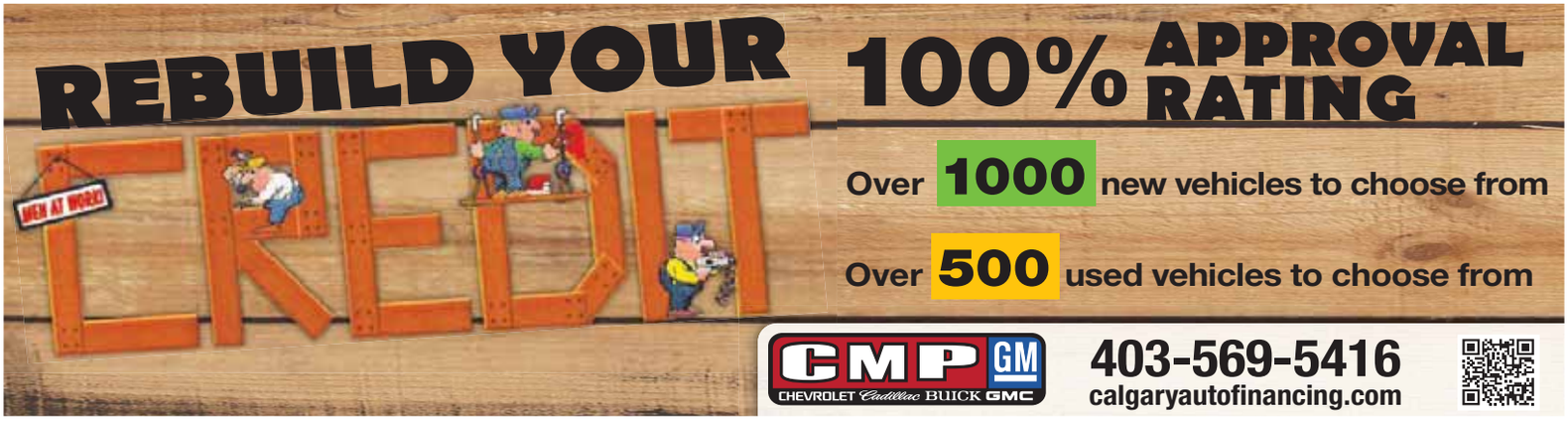
(CANADIAN QUALIFIER FOR CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE)
SEMIFINALS
First Leg
Wednesday's results
Toronto 0 Montreal 0
Vancouver 2 Edmonton 0
Second Leg
Wednesday, May 9 — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Today's games — All Times Eastern
At Helsinki — U.S. vs. France, 5:15 a.m.
Canada vs. Slovakia, 9:15 a.m.
Belarus vs. Finland, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm — Germany vs. Italy, 6:15 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Denmark, 10:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. Norway, 4:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
At Helsinki — Switzerland vs. Kazakhstan, 8 a.m.
Canada vs. U.S., 12 noon
At Stockholm
Latvia vs. Russia, 8:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.
Sunday's games
At Helsinki – France vs. Kazakhstan, 5:15 a.m.
Finland vs. Slovakia, 9:15 a.m.
Switzerland vs. Belarus, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm — Denmark vs. Italy, 6:15 a.m.
Russia vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.
Germany vs. Latvia, 2:15 p.m.



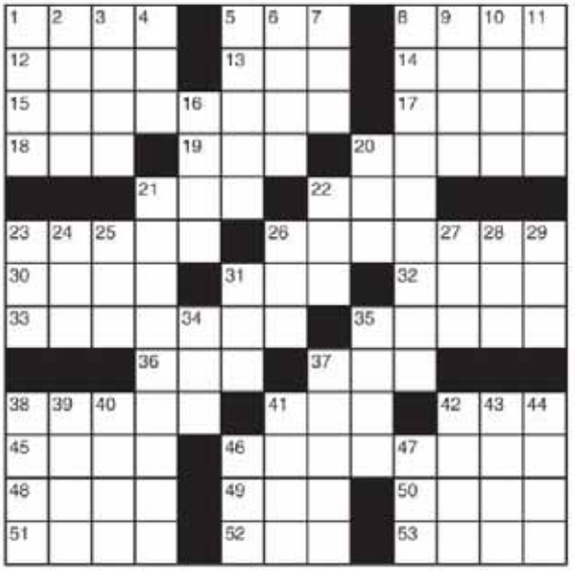
Crossword

Across

1 Pay attention
5 Actor McBride
8 Faux pas
12 Gymnast Korbut
13 "2001" computer
14 — list (agenda)
15 Words from 26-Down
17 Rock partner
18 Blue
19 Before
20 Photocopier's ancestor
21 Malicious
22 Diving bird
23 Godzilla's bailiwick
26 Experience
30 October birthstone
31 London hrs.
32 "The Cosby Show" son
33 Bankrupt
35 Pounce down
36 Years in a decade
37 Halloween shout
38 Scuffle
41 Winter ailment
42 Hawaiian garland
45 Smell
46 Words from 26-Down
48 Judicial garb
49 Corn spike
50 Hurried
51 Differently
52 Elev.
53 Fermi's bit

Down

1 Beer ingredient
2 Singer Fitzgerald
3 "Holy cow!"
4 Rotation duration
5 Variety of beet
6 Patriot Nathan
7 Under the weather
8 Words from 26-Down
9 Weaving apparatus
10 Between assignments
11 Horseback game
16 Legume
20 Pie filling?
21 Words from 26-Down
22 Pismire
23 Profession
24 Gorilla
25 Crony
26 Diamond boss
27 Greek P
28 Earth (Prefix)
29 "Alley —"
31 Pistol
34 Nevertheless
35 Tart-tasting
37 Utter impulsively
38 Golfer's warning
39 Pedestal occupant
40 Sailors
41 Colt or filly
42 Stolen goods
43 Modern money
44 Particular
46 Verily
47 Schedule abbr.



Sudoku

	1			6	3		9	
4								
				2	8		5	4
9		8		3		5		
			2		1			
		6		7		4		3
6	9		7	4				
								9
	5		8	9			2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	8	4	3	2	5	7	6	9
3	6	5	4	9	7	1	8	2
9	2	7	6	1	8	5	4	3
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6	7	1	8	5	9	3	2	4
5	4	3	2	6	1	9	7	8
8	9	2	7	3	4	6	1	5

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

VYSR UVQ ELB EQILRSD KNU QR BPQISD WRA DUWCU DKWCCLRB, VQNPA KSQKPS DWX UYSX'CS EQMLR' QMSR?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY DETONATED EXPLOSIVES BY YOU, I EXPECT THAT MIGHT HAVE A BLASTING EFFECT ON YOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAX: 13° MIN: 0°	MAX: 10° MIN: 4°	MAX: 13° MIN: 2°

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WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may seem as if someone you live or work with is keeping things from you but according to the planets that isn't the case at all.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Put your own needs on hold and help someone with an emotional problem that they are finding difficult.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. With Venus in your sign linked to your ruling planet Mercury, your powers of persuasion are awesome.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't let anyone tell you that you are aiming too high or expecting too much of yourself. If anything, you should be expecting a lot more.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Be who you are, not who other people say you should be. You are under no obligation to change your ways to suit family and friends.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Something you say today may not go down well with friends. That's OK because the truth needs to be told.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. The approaching full moon will compel you to make changes. They may be painful but they are necessary too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The planets indicate that a time of new beginnings is here at last but to make the most of it you need to sweep away all traces of the past.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You need to face up to your problems. Most likely they are not real problems at all, just doubts.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may be the most practical member of the zodiac but you have your dreams like everyone else and one dream is now within reach.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. People in positions of power are watching you closely, so put on a show over the next couple of days.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Get creative and think of ways you might be able to make your life more exciting — and more profitable too.

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David

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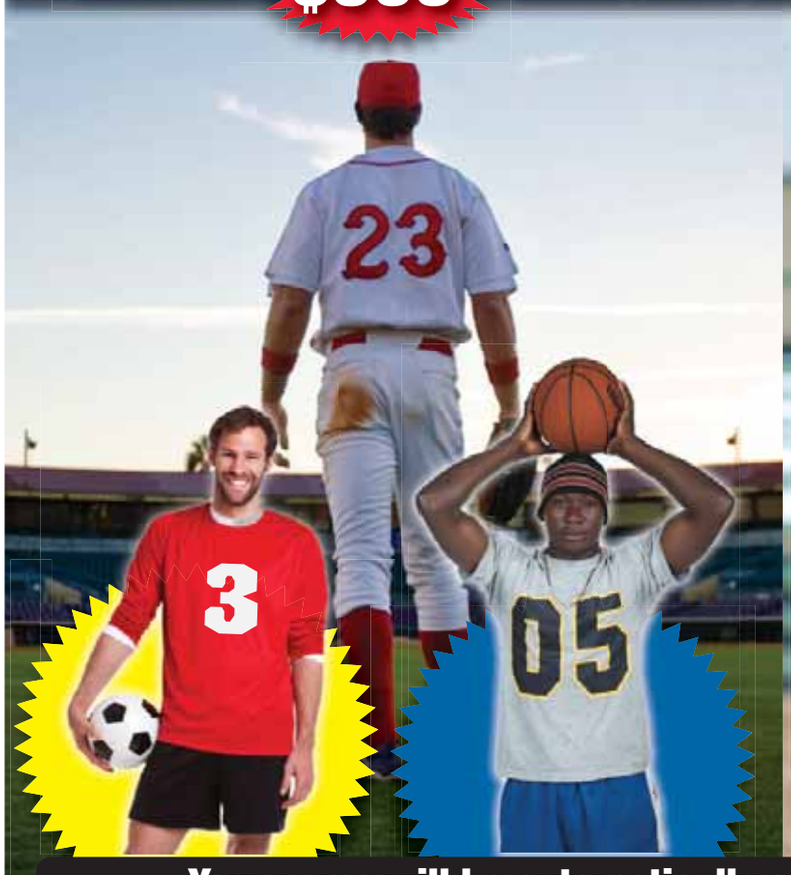

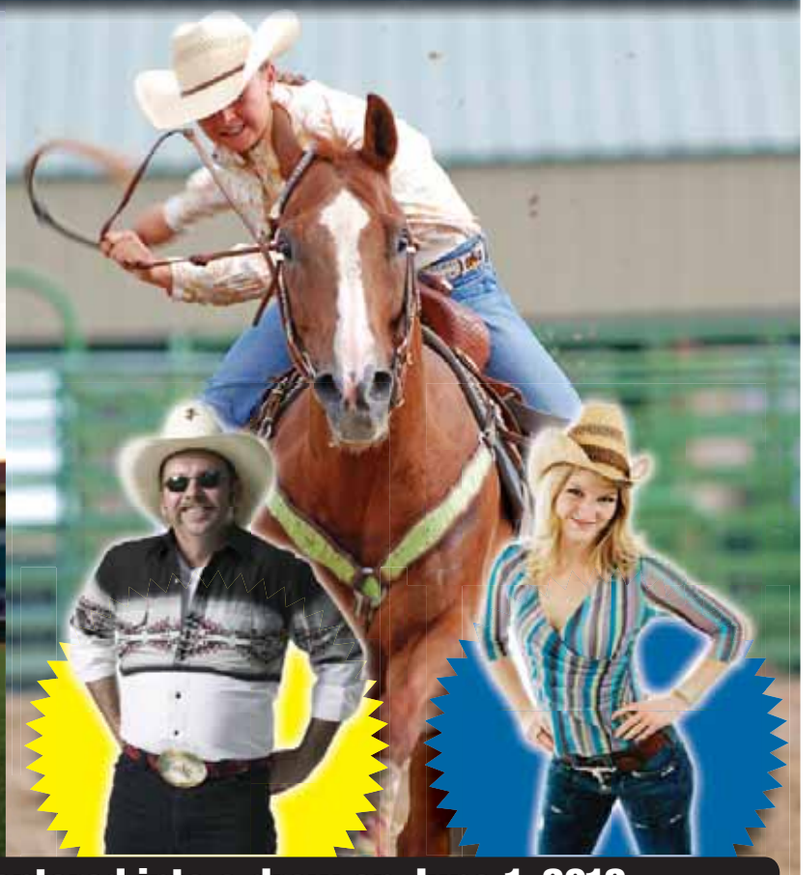

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